

Main Scripture: Luke 13:18-30

18 He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? 19 It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

20 And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? 21 It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

22 He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23 And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' 26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' 27 But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' 28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. 29 And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. 30 And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Scripture References:

Luke 17:20-21 – 20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

Colossians 1:13-14 – He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

John 10:7-9 – So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

Revelation 3:7-8 – "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. 8 "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

Revelation 21:24-26 – "24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

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Africa #2 – Luke 13:18-30 – *The Unnoticed Kingdom*

The Kingdom of God was Jesus' favorite sermon topic. What did Jesus teach about it?

Mark 1: Jesus began by announcing that the Kingdom of God is at _____

Luke 17: The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be _____

Instead, the Kingdom of God is in the _____ of _____

Colossians 1: We are _____ into the Kingdom with the forgiveness of our sins.

Four Images/Metaphors for the Kingdom of God

First Image: The Mustard Seed

Something that is _____ and _____ to _____ will grow to fill the entire garden.

The Kingdom will grow and even _____ those who do not become a part of it.

Second Image: The Leaven in the Flour

It will _____ throughout the entire batch and impact the whole _____

Third Image: The Narrow Door

The door to salvation is narrow but _____, and people will enter _____ by _____.

Revelation 3:7-8 – Jesus says I have set before you an _____

Fourth Image: The Great Feast of All Peoples

The Kingdom of God will be a _____ and _____ community.

What do you think Jesus is warning us of, when he says the first will be last, and the last first?

Answers for the blanks:

- At Hand
- Observed
- Midst of you
- Transferred
- Small
- Hard to see
- Benefit
- Spread
- The whole world
- Open
- One by one
- An open door that no one can shut!
- Multinational and diverse
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