

Journey Through Mark: Incredible Growth

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I. Unstoppable

Key Truth: The Kingdom Of God Is Inevitable

II. Parable Of The Growing Seed

Mark 4:26-29

Point: The Kingdom Brings The Harvest

III. Parable Of The Mustard Seed

Mark 4:30-34

Point: The Kingdom Brings Comfort And Security

IV. On That Day...

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

Cynics sometimes say that the only guarantees in life are death and taxes. The half truth of this assertion is both obvious and depressing. It offers no comfort to those who are burdened by hardships and struggles. This kind of negativity and short-sightedness is what sometimes leads to the feeling that life is hopeless, meaningless, and empty.

Is there nothing more that is sure to come? Is the future necessarily going to be bad? Absolutely not! There is a kingdom coming that cannot be stopped. Its arrival will mark the permanent gathering together of Jesus and His people. No opposition can stand against what God has decreed. The Kingdom of God is inevitable. Much more than even death and taxes.

Do not mistake slow growth for death. The signs of life and growth require spiritual discernment to perceive. In due time, the coming of Jesus' Kingdom will lead to a tremendous harvest which will culminate in God's people receiving the comfort and security of eternal life in His presence. What started very small and very humble will blossom into a vast and glorious Kingdom with Jesus on His throne.

Are you ready and prepared to enter into the Kingdom of God? Have you ever told anyone else about what is coming? Is the urgency of the days in which we live a motivation to persevere or is it a nagging reminder that you are less-than-ready to meet your maker?

Prayerfully consider the truth of Jesus words in these parables. Express thankfulness to God that He has told us what is coming. Take time to reflect upon what it will be like on that day when you see Him face to face. Ask God to strengthen your resolve to be a beacon of hope in this dark world until then. Pray for someone in your life that is not yet ready. Ask God to give you an opportunity to be an ambassador of the Gospel to them today.