The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like A Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:24-43

Key Verse: 13:31

\* In verses 24-52 there are 6 parables about the kingdom of heaven which reveal the nature of the Messiah's kingship. Jesus taught these primarily to his disciples.

1. Read verses 24-30. Though a man sowed good seed, what happened to his field? Why didn't he let his servants pull up the weeds? What does this suggest to us about the kingdom of heaven, and the nature of the King? (29-30; Mt 3:11,12)

2. Read verses 31-33. How is the kingdom of heaven like a mustard seed? How is it like yeast? What is similar in these two parables? What is different? What can we learn here about the way the kingdom of heaven grows and spreads?

3. Read verses 34-36. To whom were these parables spoken? Why did Jesus teach in parables? (Ps 78:2; Mk 4:33) Who can understand the parables? (36)

4. Read verses 37-43. How did Jesus explain the parable of the weeds? In the final judgment, how does the Son of Man deal with the wicked and the righteous? What does this parable teach us about the kingdom of heaven? About the world?