

## The Parables of the Mustard Seed and Leaven

Matthew 13:31-35

#5 Parables of Jesus

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1. God works in UNEXPECTED ways as He unveils the mystery.

(Matt 13:31-32—The Parable of the Mustard Seed)

2. God works in UNSEEN ways as He unveils the mystery.

(Matt 13:33—The Parable of the Leaven)

3. Jesus is the Unveiled Mystery.

(Matt 13:34-35—Prophecy Fulfilled)

### REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

**Monday:** Find a timeline of Jesus' ministry that will help you understand where a passage sits within the timeline.

**Tuesday:** Research when Mark 1:1 happens as compared to Mark 1:17. How much time lapses between these two passages?

**Wednesday:** Read John 12:24. Notice how Jesus depicts His death. Look at how Jesus uses the seed becoming so much more.

**Thursday:** Read Ezekiel 17:23. Do a study using the Internet or commentaries to understand the picture of how the nations of the world are included in the kingdom of heaven.

**Friday:** Read Psalm 78:2 and review how God would enter the history of the Jewish people as it describes a prophetic Messiah.

**Saturday:** Review Matt 13 as a whole from the disciples' perspective. What did they learn in the house or outside the house?