

Planted for Purpose

February 2, 2025 | *Matthew 13:31-32*



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Observations from Matthew 13:31-32:

What is happening in these verses?

v.31

“The Kingdom of God (1) is like a grain of mustard seed (2) that a man (3) took and sowed in his field (4).

v.32

“It is the smallest of all seeds (2), but when it has grown, it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree (4), so that the birds of the air (5) come and make nests in its branches (6).

The Process of Growth in the Kingdom and in Our Lives

(1) The Sower = God: *Matthew 13:37, John 3:16, James 1:21*

(2) The Seed = Jesus & The Word: *John 1:1, 14; Luke 8:11; 1 Peter 1:23*

(3) The Garden = World / Hearts / Church: *Matthew 13:38, Ezekiel 36:26, Luke 8:15*

(4) Growth to Tree = Transformation and Maturity: *Colossians 2:7, John 10:10, Hebrews 8:6*

(5) The Birds = People & Nations Drawn to the Kingdom: *Ezekiel 17:23, Psalm 84:3, Matthew 11:28*

(6) The Branches = New Life / Fruit of Discipleship: *John 15:5, Psalm 91:1-2, Galatians 5:22-23*

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Lessons from Matthew 13:31-32:

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- **What Started Small Was Always Meant to Expand**
 - God's plan was always for His kingdom to grow and reach all people.
 - **Supporting Verses: Matthew 13:31-32, Romans 1:16**
- **God Uses the Small and the Unlikely for Extraordinary Purpose**
 - God chooses what seems small or weak to accomplish great things.
 - **Supporting Verses: 1 Corinthians 1:27, 2 Corinthians 5:17**
- **We Are Called to Plant, Grow, and Expand the Kingdom**
 - God's kingdom grows as we sow seeds of faith and disciple others.
 - **Supporting Verses: Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:2**

Application from Matthew 13:31-32:

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- **Receive the Seed of the Word | Respond by Faith in Christ**
 - Salvation begins by receiving God's Word and trusting in Christ.
 - **Supporting Verses: Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-9**
- **Grow in Christ and Continue in the Transformation Process**
 - Being saved is the beginning. Grow and continue to be transformed!
 - **Supporting Verses: Philippians 1:6, Colossians 3:16**
- **Be a Sower of God's Word to Others**
 - As you grow, have an active faith: Spread the Gospel message!
 - **Supporting Verses: James 1:22, 2 Corinthians 5:20**

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