

The Mustard Seed and The Leaven

Looking at the Parables of Jesus

We Have A New King!



- Queen Elizabeth died on Thur. Sept.8, at the age of 96. She was the longest ruling Monarch in British history, 70yrs.
- Charles was immediately pronounced King. He is at 73, the oldest new sovereign in British history.
- The role of a King was to protect the kingdom, increase the wealth and trade of the kingdom, as well as to take care of the poor redistributing the tribute paid as necessary. This was the ideal of the monarchic structure, and in the best of days, it worked.

Pictures of The Kingdom

- Jesus regularly spoke of the kingdom. Mat.4:17; 5:2f
- Matt.13:31-33 ; Lk.13:18-21; Mk.4:30-32 (no leaven)
- Context of Lk.13 is a healing – 13:10-17
- The leaders indignant, the people rejoicing
- The nature of the kingdom under the Messiah was a common topic amongst the Jewish people.
- Lk.13:18-“He said therefore” What is the kingdom like?

It Is Like A Mustard Seed

- It is small!
- Smallest of all the seeds you use in your garden
- Small enough to get lost in your hand.
- Rabbis said- it is the smallest remnant of the sun glow in the sky
- It starts small, but grows to be the largest plant in the garden. Mustard plants come in a variety of sizes.
- It is the comparison of beginning to end that Jesus is making.

It Is Like A Piece Of Yeast

- It is small!
- Compared to it's starting size, it has huge affects.
- This same picture was used in Dan.2:34-35;44-45
- It was a stone, small, but cut out without human hands
- That stone was Jesus. He came as a baby.
- The kingdom of heaven started small, but it grows!
- It grows in us in the same way.
- Some interpret these as being evil affecting the church.

The Kingdom Of God Will Win!

- The prophecy from Dan.2:44 sets the outline
- The Kingdom is ALREADY, but NOT YET!
- Lk.17:20b-21 “Behold, the kingdom of God is within you” The Kingdom is already!
- 17:23-37 Context is the second coming of Christ, the “Not Yet!”
- The Kingdom of God will be physical, it will destroy the kingdoms of this world, Christ will sit on the throne in Jerusalem