

MARK

Mark 4:30 →

Our approach each week will be REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize). In this series, however, we won't wait to document the 'apply' and 'personalize' until the end of the lesson. As we see them, we'll capture them.

What is God doing in you through His word from the portion of Mark we've studied so far?

Read: Mark 4

Explain: Mark 4:30 →

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some questions.

Are there any literary/structural observations?

This is the fourth parable in **Mark 4**. **How are they connected?**

What do the words mean?

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The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 And [G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 1,086 times in **Mark**] **he said** [G3004: λέγω; *lego*; verb: third singular imperfect active indicative; 1. (properly) to "lay" forth 2. (figuratively) to relate 3. (by implication) to mean; occurs 288 times in **Mark**], **"With what** [G4459: πῶς; *pos*; adverb: accusative interrogative; 1. in what way? 2. (sometimes indirect) how? 3. (as exclamation) how much!; occurs 14 times in **Mark**] **can we compare** [G3666: ὁμοιῶ; *homoioo*; verb: first plural aorist active **subjunctive**; 1. to assimilate, i.e. compare 2. (passively) to become similar; occurs in **4:30**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine accusative; 1. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **kingdom** [G932: βασιλεία; *basileia*; noun: singular feminine accusative; 1. (properly) **royalty** 2. (abstractly) **rule** 3. (concretely) a **realm**; occurs 20 times in **Mark**] **of** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular masculine genitive; 1. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **God** [G2316: θεός; *theos*; noun: singular masculine genitive; 1. a deity 2. (figuratively) a magistrate 3. (by Hebraism) very; occurs 48 times in **Mark**], **or** [G2228: ἢ; *e*; disjunctive particle; 1. (disjunctive) or 2. (comparative) than.; occurs 33 times in **Mark**] [G1722: ἐν; *en*; preposition; 1. "in," at, (up-)on, by, etc.; occurs 139 times in **Mark**] **what** [G5101: τίς; *tis*; interrogative pronoun: singular neuter dative; 1. an interrogative pronoun, who, which or what (in direct or indirect questions); occurs 72 times in **Mark**] [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; personal pronoun: singular feminine accusative; 1. self; occurs 757 times in **Mark**] **parable** [G3850: παραβολή; *parabole*; noun: singular feminine dative; 1. a similitude ("parable") 2. (symbolic) fictitious narrative (of common life conveying a moral), apothegm or adage; occurs 13 times in **Mark**] **shall we use** [G5087: τίθημι; *tithemi*; verb: first plural second aorist active subjunctive; 1. to place

(properly, in a passive or horizontal posture); occurs 12 times in **Mark** **for it?** **31 It is like** [G5613: ὡς; *hos*; adverb or adverb and particle combined 1. which how, i.e. in that manner (very variously used, as follows); occurs 22 times in **Mark** **a grain of mustard** [G4615: σίναπι; *sinapi*; noun: singular neuter genitive; 1. mustard (the plant); occurs in **4:31**] **seed** [G2848: κόκκος; *kokkos*; noun: singular masculine dative; 1. a kernel of seed; occurs in **4:31**], **which** [G3739: ὃς; *hos*; relative pronoun: singular masculine nominative; 1. the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that; occurs 88 times in **Mark**], **when** [G3752: ὅταν; *hotan*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. whenever (implying hypothesis or more or less uncertainty) 2. (causatively, conjunctionally) inasmuch as; occurs 20 times in **Mark**] **sown** [G4687: σπείρω; *speiro*; verb: third singular second aorist passive **subjunctive**; 1. to scatter, i.e. sow; occurs 12 times in **Mark**] **on** [G1909: ἐπί; *epi*; preposition; 1. (properly) meaning superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.) 2. (genitive case) as a relation of distribution (over, upon, etc.) 3. (dative case) of rest (at, on, etc.) 4. (accusative case) of direction (towards, upon, etc.); occurs 72 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ἡ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine genitive; 1. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **ground** [G1093: γῆ; *ge*; noun: singular feminine genitive; 1. soil 2. (by extension) a region, or the solid part or the whole of the earthly globe (including the occupants in each application); occurs 19 times in **Mark**], **is** [G1510: εἰμί; *eimi*; verb: singular neuter nominative **present active participle**; 1. I exist; occurs 194 times in **Mark**] **the smallest** [G3398: μικρός; *mikros*; adjective: singular neuter nominative comparative; 1. small (in size, quantity, number or (figuratively) dignity); occurs in **4:31; 9:42; 14:35; 14:70; 15:40**] **of all** [G3956: πᾶς; *pas*; adjective: plural neuter genitive; 1. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 68 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: plural neuter genitive; 1. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **seeds** [G4690: σπέρμα; *sperma*; noun: plural neuter genitive; 1. something sown, i.e. seed (including the male "sperm") 2. (by implication) **offspring** 3. (specially) a remnant 4. (figuratively) as if kept over for planting; occurs in **4:31; 12:19; 12:20; 12:21; 12:22**] [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: plural neuter genitive; 1. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **on** [G1909: ἐπί; *epi*; preposition; 1. (properly) meaning superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.) 2. (genitive case) as a relation of distribution (over, upon, etc.) 3. (dative case) of rest (at, on, etc.) 4. (accusative case) of direction (towards, upon, etc.); occurs 72 times in **Mark**] [G3588: ἡ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine genitive; 1. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **earth** [G1093: γῆ; *ge*; noun: singular feminine genitive; 1. soil 2. (by extension) a region, or the solid part or the whole of the earthly globe (including the occupants in each application); occurs 19 times in **Mark**], **32 yet** [G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 1,086 times in **Mark**] **when** [G3752: ὅταν; *hotan*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. whenever (implying hypothesis or more or less uncertainty) 2. (causatively, conjunctionally) inasmuch as; occurs 20 times in **Mark**] **it is sown** [G4687: σπείρω; *speiro*; verb: third singular second aorist **passive subjunctive**; 1. to scatter, i.e. sow; occurs 12 times in **Mark**] **it grows up** [G305: ἀναβαίνω; *anabaino*; verb: third singular present active indicative; 1. to go up; occurs in **1:10; 3:13; 4:7; 4:8; 4:32; 6:51; 10:32; 10:33; 15:8**] **and** [G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; 1. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 1,086 times in **Mark**] **becomes** [G1096: γίνομαι; *ginomai*; verb: third singular present middle or passive deponent indicative; 1. to cause to be ("gen"-erate) 2. (reflexively) to become (come into being); occurs 55 times in **Mark**] **larger** [G3173: μέγας; *me-gas*; adjective: singular neuter nominative comparative; 1. big; occurs 18 times in **Mark**] **than all** [G3956: πᾶς; *pas*; adjective: plural neuter genitive; 1. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 68 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*;

definite article: plural neuter genitive; I. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **garden plants** [G3001: λάχανον; *lachanon*; noun: plural neuter genitive; I. a **vegetable**; occurs in **4:32**] **and** [G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; I. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 1,086 times in **Mark**] **puts out** [G4160: ποιέω; *poieo*; verb: third singular present active indicative; I. to make or do; occurs 46 times in **Mark**] **large** [G3173: μέγας; *meγas*; adjective: plural masculine accusative; I. big; occurs 18 times in **Mark**] **branches** [G2798: κλάδος; *klados*; noun: plural masculine accusative; I. a twig or bough (as if broken off); occurs in **4:32**; **13:28**], **so that** [G5620: ὥστε; *hōste*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; I. so too, i.e. thus therefore (in various relations of consecution, as follow); occurs 13 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: plural neuter accusative; I. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **birds** [G4071: πετεινόν; *peteinon*; noun: plural neuter accusative; I. a flying animal, i.e. bird; occurs in **4:4**; **4:32**] **of the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular masculine genitive; I. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **air** [G3772: οὐρανός; *ouranos*; noun: singular masculine genitive; I. the sky 2. (by extension) heaven (as the abode of God) 3. (by implication) happiness, power, eternity 4. (specially) the Gospel (Christianity); occurs 18 times in **Mark**] **can make** [G1410: δύναμαι; *dunamai*; verb: present middle or passive deponent infinitive; I. to be able or possible; occurs 33 times in **Mark**] **builds** [G2681: κατασκηνόω; *kataskenoo*; verb: present active infinitive; I. to **camp down**, i.e. haunt 2. (figuratively) to remain; occurs in **4:32**] **in** [G5259: ὑπό; *hupo*; preposition; I. under 2. (with the genitive case) of place (beneath), or with verbs (the agency or means, through) 3. (with the accusative case) of place (whither (underneath) or where (below) or time (when (at)) In the comparative, it retains the same general applications, especially of inferior position or condition, and specially, covertly or moderately.; occurs 12 times in **Mark**] **its** [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; personal pronoun: singular masculine genitive; I. self; occurs 757 times in **Mark**] [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular feminine accusative; I. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **shade** [G4639: σκία; *skia*; noun: singular feminine accusative; I. "shade" or a shadow (darkness of error or an adumbration); occurs in **4:32**].”

33 [G2532: καί; *kai*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; I. and, also, even, so then, too, etc.; occurs 1,086 times in **Mark**] **With many** [G4183: πολὺς; *polus*; adjective: plural feminine dative; I. (singular) much (in any respect) or (plural) many, (neuter singular as adverbial) largely, (neuter plural as adverb or noun) often, mostly, largely; occurs 58 times in **Mark**] **such** [G5108: τοιοῦτος; *toioutos*; demonstrative pronoun: plural feminine dative; I. truly this, i.e. **of this sort** (to denote character or individuality); occurs in **4:33**; **6:2**; **7:13**; **9:37**; **10:14**; **13:19**] **parables** [G3850: παραβολή; *parabole*; noun: plural feminine dative; I. a similitude ("parable") 2. (symbolic) fictitious narrative (of common life conveying a moral), apothegm or adage; occurs 13 times in **Mark**] **he spoke** [G2980: λαλέω; *laleo*; verb: third singular **imperfect** active indicative; I. to talk, i.e. utter words; occurs 21 times in **Mark**] **the** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: singular masculine accusative; I. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark**] **word** [G3056: λόγος; *logos*; noun: singular masculine accusative; I. something said (including the thought) 2. (by implication) a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive 3. (by extension) a computation 4. (specially, with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ); occurs 24 times in **Mark**] **to them** [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; personal pronoun: plural masculine dative; I. self; occurs 757 times in **Mark**], **as** [G2531: καθώς; *kathos*; adverb or adverb and particle combined; I. just (or inasmuch) as, that; occurs in **1:2**; **4:33**; **9:13**; **11:6**; **14:16**; **14:21**; **15:8**; **16:7**] **they were able** [G1410:

δύναμαι; **dunamai**; verb: third plural **imperfect** middle or passive deponent indicative attic; I. to be able or possible; occurs 33 times in **Mark** **to hear** [G191: ἀκούω; *akouo*; verb: present active infinitive; I. to hear; occurs 44 times in **Mark** **it. 34 He did not** [G3756: οὐ; *ou*; number: plural negative; I. no or not; occurs 118 times in **Mark** **speak** [G2980: λαλέω; *laleo*; verb: third singular imperfect active indicative; I. to talk, i.e. utter words; occurs 21 times in **Mark** **to them** [G846: αὐτός; *autos*; personal pronoun: plural masculine dative; I. self; occurs 757 times in **Mark** [G2596: κατά; *kata*; preposition; I. (prepositionally) down (in place or time); occurs 23 times in **Mark** [G2398: ἴδιος; *idios*; adjective: singular feminine accusative; I. pertaining to self, i.e. one's own 2. (by implication) private or separate; occurs in **4:34 (2); 6:31; 6:32; 7:33; 9:2; 9:28; 13:3** **without** [G5565: χωρίς; *choris*; adverb or adverb and particle combined; I. at a space, i.e. **separately or apart from** (often as preposition); occurs in **4:34** **a** [G1161: δέ; *de*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; I. but, and, etc.; occurs 162 times in **Mark** **parable** [G3850: παραβολή; *parabole*; noun: singular feminine genitive; I. a similitude ("parable") 2. (symbolic) fictitious narrative (of common life conveying a moral), apothegm or adage; occurs 13 times in **Mark**, **but** [G1161: δέ; *de*; conjunction or conjunctive particle; I. but, and, etc.; occurs 162 times in **Mark** [G3588: ὁ; *ho*; definite article: plural masculine dative; I. the; occurs 1,505 times in **Mark** **privately to his own** [G2398: ἴδιος; *idios*; adjective: plural masculine dative; I. pertaining to self, i.e. one's own 2. (by implication) private or separate; occurs in **4:34 (2); 6:31; 6:32; 7:33; 9:2; 9:28; 13:3** **disciples** [G3101: μαθητής; *mathetes*; noun: plural masculine dative; I. a learner, i.e. pupil; occurs 46 times in **Mark** **he explained** [G1956: ἐπιλύω; *epiluo*; verb: third singular imperfect active indicative; I. **to solve further** 2. (figuratively) **to explain, decide**; occurs in **4:34** **everything** [G3956: πᾶς; *pas*; adjective: plural neuter accusative; I. all, any, every, the whole; occurs 68 times in **Mark**].

Note the words 'like' and 'kingdom.' Which of the kingdom definitions might Jesus be referring to? Is a story the very best way to communicate the kingdom of God?

Apply (What is the point?)

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

Our schedule plan

Next week we'll start with **Mark 4:_____**, and we'll go until we're finished.

Homework

1. Pray for help in understanding **Mark**
2. Hear **Mark** multiple times
3. Think about **Mark** often (day and night)
4. Talk with someone (dead or alive) about **Mark**
5. Share your insights about **Mark**
6. Invite a member and a non-member

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