

# The Power

## Read Mark Chapter 3 v 7 to Chapter 6 v 6

This section reveals Christ's power at work in the lives of those who receive Him as Saviour. Christ experiences a lot of opposition to his miraculous ministry from those who refuse to receive him. So in chapter 4 a clear distinction is made between those who receive Christ and those who do not. Christ gives 4 parables on the subject of receiving the kingdom of God (synonymous with receiving Christ).

- **The Sower** (4: 1-20)

What is the seed?

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What does the seed produce when it is honestly received?

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- **The Lamp** (4:21-25)

How do you know when there is a lamp on in the room?

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How can you tell when someone has genuinely received Christ?

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What might the parable mean in terms of our witnessing for Christ?

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- **The Seed Growing** (4:26-29)

What does this parable tell us about the work of salvation?

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- **The Mustard Seed** (4:30-34)

The mustard seed is so small as to be almost invisible to the human eye. Yet it is very effective, producing a tree large enough for birds to nest in. A tremendous change has happened to the mustard seed. How does this parable relate to those who receive Christ?

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*Christ has tremendous power to change our lives, but for His power to be at work in us we must be willing to receive it. To receive Christ's power means to receive Christ Himself, by faith, into our hearts as Saviour & Lord*

**How great is Christ's power?** Briefly describe Christ's power in each of the following incidents:

c4 v 35-41.

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c5 v 1-20

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c5 v 25-34.

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c 5 v 21-43.

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Of all the miracles Christ performs, the greatest is when he cleanses and forgives sinners and makes them children of God. By this miracle of salvation Christ lifts us from spiritual death and gives us eternal life.

There is a difference between this miracle and the others that Mark records. The sea, the devil, sickness and death had no choice but to obey. To receive the greatest miracle of all- the miracle of salvation- we must choose to believe and receive Christ as Saviour.

Though Christ's opponents, including at one time his family, and his home town refused to receive his power, those who did experienced its effects.