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Topic: Life of Christ: The Mustard Seed Kingdom

Scripture Text: mark 4:30-34

- 1. In the Old Testament, God used the nation Israel as a national witness in this world. God did it in a miraculous way beginning from the call of Abraham to Joshua leading Israel to occupy the promised Land. In the New Testament, the Lord used the local Church, replacing Israel, as His witness to the world.
- 2. The Church is to be the light of this world and to faithfully preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is God who will save souls to join the local church. The church must not use man's way to bring people into the church.
- 3. The local Church will begin small like the mustard seed. This is the smallest seed in Palestine. The Church need not be discouraged. This is God's plan and purpose. It will begin in Jerusalem, then the Gospel will go to Samaria and finally to the uttermost parts of the world. God's promise will not fail.
- 4. The birth of the Church started at Pentecost after Jesus' ascension in which 3000 souls were saved. The Christians were then persecuted but the preaching Gospel was never hindered. In fact, it grew upon persecution.
- 5. Today, we can testify the truth of God's promise. The Gospel has reached to all continents in the world. God has established His churches everywhere. As the Church grows, Satan will do its utmost to destroy the Churches. We see that in many churches in Europe and USA in which churches are dying. Let our Church be faithful to the end for the Lord Jesus Christ!