

Listen to Jesus Teach #3

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The Birds

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- 1) The seed was **inconspicuous** (Matthew 17:20)
 - a) Though a small seed; it has **great power**
 - i) *1 Peter 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...*
 - ii) *Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*
 - iii) *1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*
 - b) Though a small seed; it has **great pungency**
 - i) *2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.¹⁵ For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.¹⁶ To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.*
- 2) The Growth was **uncommon**
 - a) **Undeniable** growth
 - b) **Unintended** growth
 - i) *Mark 4:30-32 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³² but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."*
- 3) The Birds were **uninvited** (Ezek. 17:22-24; 31:3-9; Dan. 4:12)
 - a) Satan fights the work of **Christ**
 - i) Matthew 13:3 "Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. (the wicked one verse 19)
 - b) Satan fights the work of his **church** (Revelation 18:2) 1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons...
 - c) Satan fights the **workers** of his church

Acts 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."