### Light

**21**Jesus also said:

You don’t light a lamp and put it under a clay pot or under a bed. Don’t you put a lamp on a lampstand? **22**There is nothing hidden that will not be made public. There is no secret that will not be well known. **23**If you have ears, pay attention!

**24**Listen carefully to what you hear! The way you treat others will be the way you will be treated—and even worse. **25**Everyone who has something will be given more. But people who don’t have anything will lose what little they have.

### Another Story about Seeds

**26**Again Jesus said:

God’s kingdom is like what happens when a farmer scatters seed in a field. **27**The farmer sleeps at night and is up and around during the day. Yet the seeds keep sprouting and growing, and he doesn’t understand how. **28**It is the ground that makes the seeds sprout and grow into plants that produce grain. **29**Then when harvest season comes and the grain is ripe, the farmer cuts it with a sickle.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mark+4&version=CEV#fen-CEV-22319a)]

### A Mustard Seed

**30**Finally, Jesus said:

What is God’s kingdom like? What story can I use to explain it? **31**It is like what happens when a mustard seed is planted in the ground. It is the smallest seed in all the world. **32**But once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. It even puts out branches that are big enough for birds to nest in its shade.