

Motivation for Mark 4: 26-34

Saint Paul the VI said that "As an evangelizer, Christ first of all proclaims a kingdom, the kingdom of God; and this is so important that, by comparison, everything else becomes "the rest," which is "given in addition." Only the kingdom therefore is absolute and it makes everything else relative. The Lord will delight in describing in many ways the happiness of belonging to this kingdom". (Evangelli Nuntiandi 8).

It is in this context that this Sunday gospel gives us a very encouraging word about how small things are very relevant in the sight of God, to the point that he compares the Kingdom of God with the growing of a mustard seed. It may sound funny, but we can see in this Gospel, if we look at it carefully, how all our problems and concerns have already been sorted out in the mystery of that little seed that grows and grows. Anything that grows has a direction and is orientated towards a final fulfilment.

The Lord wants us to see that His Kingdom works in the same way in our lives. It doesn't matter how busy, upset, or concerned we might be; all those things are, as St Paul the VI says, "the rest" which will eventually be taken over by the Kingdom of God and all the fulfilment that is bringing into our lives.