

Small Parables

The Kin-dom (if anyone has come up with a more creative non-hierarchical word for Kingdom please do share it with me) of Heaven or Shalom is found in the small things. It is amazing how many parables value the small. The Kin-dom is not found in the Mustard Tree but in the mustard seed; not found in the feast of bread but in the rather stinky, grey, crumbly-looking yeast! The Kin-dom is about potential found in the smallest and unlikeliest of places – it gives hope to us all!

Come, not to create power and wealth,
but to become a community of peace.

Come, not to climb lofty branches,
but to plant a small seed in the ground.

Come, not to savour the feast of kings,
but to ferment yeast into bread.

Come, not to flaunt precious jewels,
but to find the hidden treasure within you.

Come, not to trade in the things of this world,
but to find what is precious.

**Come, for it is Christ the itinerant storyteller,
the valuer of the small things,
who meets us here.**

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