i.e. the husbandman, see above. See  
Joel iii. 18, to which this verse is a   
reference:—also Rev. xiv. 14, 15, and 1 Pet. i.  
23–25.

**30–34.]** PARABLE OF THE GRAIN OF  
MUSTARD SEED. Matt. xiii. 31–35. Luke  
xiii, 18, 19.

**30.]** This Rabbinical  
method of questioning before beginning a  
discourse is also found in Luke, ver. 18,—  
without however the condescending *plural*,  
which embraces the disciples, in their work  
of preaching and teaching,—and indeed  
gives all teachers an example, to what  
they may liken the Kingdom of God.

**31.]** *The repetition of expressions verbatim*  
in discourses is peculiar to Mark: so in the  
**earth** here, and **cannot stand** ch. i iii, 24, 25,  
26: and see a very solemn instance, ch. ix.  
44–48.

**32.]** **and shooteth out great  
branches** is also peculiar. See notes on  
Matthew and Luke.

**33.] as they were able to hear it, according to their   
capacity of receiving**:– see note on Matt. xiii. 12.

**34.] when they were alone...**  
We have *three* such instances—the *sower*,   
the *tares*, Matt. xiii. 36 ff., and the *saying  
concerning defilement*, Matt. xv. 16 ff. To  
these we may add the *two parables in John* —ch. x. 1–18,   
which however was *publicly* explained,—and ch. xv. 1–12;—and  
perhaps Luke xvi. 9; xviii. 6–8.

**35—41.]** THE STILLING OF THE STORM.  
Matt. viii. 18, 23–27. Luke viii. 22–25.  
Mark’s words bind this occurrence by a  
precise date to the preceding. It took  
place *in the evening of the day on which  
the Parables were delivered:* and our ac-  
count is so rich in additional particulars,  
as to take the highest rank among the  
three as to *precision*

**36.] even as he was**, i.e. without any preparation or  
refreshment.

**other ships]** These were probably some of the multitudes  
following, who seem to have been a  
rated from them in the gale.

**37.] a storm of wind** is also in Luke, whose account  
is in the main so differently worded.

**38.] the pillow**, the cushion or seat at the  
stern, used by our Lord as a pillow.

**39.] Peace, be still:** these remarkable