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**Little Faith?
No Faith?
Or Great Faith?**

Welcome to our study of Matthew Part 2. Wherever you categorize yourself in the three questions above, it is our prayer that in the next eight weeks you will find yourself with a greatly increased faith that will profoundly affect every area your life and in so doing, greatly impact the kingdom of God and hasten the day of His coming.

**TAKING
IT IN**

If you are just joining us in the study of Matthew, we want to welcome you. You are going to find yourself gaining valuable life-impacting insights into the life of the King of kings and His teachings which will prepare you to better understand what it means to be part of the kingdom of God.

The structure of the first of the Gospels in the New Testament is a combination of narrative and teaching. The narrative gives select portions of the life and deeds of Jesus, the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham, the Son of God, the King. These are interspersed with specific teachings of Jesus, each distinguished by a common key repeated phrase which follows the conclusion of the teaching: “when Jesus had finished....”

These phrases are found in Matthew 7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; and 26:1.

We suggest you mark each of these in a distinctive way in your Bible. You will find them helpful markers in future readings and study of Matthew.

In preparation for our study of Matthew 14, it would be good to read Matthew 13:53-58. As you do, it will become clear that we are now moving into a narrative portion of Matthew. Matthew 13:53-58 in a way serves as a summary of what has transpired while also giving a sense of what is to come. The parables Jesus just finished were powerful teachings on the kingdom of heaven. Let’s review what we have seen so far. Review is an integral part of learning.



As you read the following, look at the “Matthew at a Glance” chart in the Appendix.

- The kingdom has been front and center from the first words of Matthew—through the genealogy Matthew lets us know Jesus has Messiah credentials; He can sit on the throne of David.
- In Matthew 2, Jesus is referred to as the King of the Jews (2:2-6).
- In Matthew 3, John the forerunner is on the scene telling people to repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (3:2-3), which Jesus affirms in Matthew 4.
- In Matthew 5–7, Jesus teaches us about the character and lifestyle of those who truly belong to the kingdom of heaven.
- In Matthew 8–9, once again we have a narrative account of Jesus as He ministers in Galilee, healing those who are ill, casting out demons—taking away infirmities and carrying away diseases as Isaiah prophesied. When Jesus rebukes the winds and the sea, we see what kind of man He is! He eats with sinners and tax-collectors, and though He is criticized He is not deterred from His mission. Filled with compassion for these shepherdless sheep, He continues from synagogue to synagogue, village to village proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom.
- Then in Matthew 10 He instructs His twelve disciples about the cost of following Him.
- In Matthew 11–12, we return to narrative as the Son of Man sends word to the now imprisoned John the Baptist and warns the cities of the judgment to come because they did not believe despite His miracles. He is Lord of the Sabbath, who casts out demons by the Spirit of God and who invites men to take His yoke upon them.
- In Matthew 13:54 it is evident men have recognized His wisdom and have seen His miraculous powers that were clearly laid out in the narrative from Matthew 4 on.

Yet many don't get it! Who is this man? They take offense at Him, indicating what is simmering and will boil over in the segment we are about to study.

Then in Matthew 13:58 you see the power of faith—and the consequences of unbelief.



This is where we begin Matthew Part 2. It is always good to begin your study with prayer, asking the Author of His Word to help you understand His Word so that you might handle it accurately and give it the respect due it by living according to His precepts.

1. Let's start by observing Matthew 14. Using your Observation Worksheet which is in the Appendix of this workbook, read the chapter.
 - a. Every time the narrative moves to a new occasion—a new happening, a new event—draw a line. Then in the margin use a few words to summarize what happens.
 - b. Read Matthew 14 again. This time mark:
 - 1) all references to time in a distinctive way (if you can't decide how, use a green circle). This includes words such as *immediately*, *after*, *evening*—anything giving you specific time or sequence of time.
 - 2) all geographical locations. You might double underline them in green.
 - 3) *John the Baptist*
 - 4) *disciples*
 - 5) *faith*
 - c. Record the chapter theme on the “Matthew at a Glance” chart in the Appendix. The **chapter theme** is simply a few words that summarize what the chapter is about. Try to use words from the text.
2. Now observe Matthew 15.
 - a. Mark the following:
 - 1) *Pharisees*
 - 2) *tradition* and any synonymous terms (watch for the one in verse 9)
 - 3) *disciples*
 - 4) *heart*
 - 5) *understand*
 - 6) *defile(s)*
 - 7) *faith*



- b. As you study Matthew 15:21-39, consult the map in the Appendix so you know where these events occur.

- c. From observing the text, what was part of the tradition of the Pharisees? And how does this tie in with verses 1-20, making it a unit of thought in Matthew 15?

- d. What do you learn from marking the references to
 - 1) defile?

 - 2) the heart?

 - 3) Pharisees?

 - 4) faith?

- e. Record the theme of Matthew 15 on the At a Glance chart.



4. Is your Christian walk more governed by a traditional code of dos and don'ts or by the clear commandments and teachings of the Word of God?



MATTHEW 14

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- AT that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus,
- 2 and he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.”
 - 3 For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife,
 - 4 because John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”
 - 5 And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet.
 - 6 But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod,
 - 7 so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.
 - 8 Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.”
 - 9 And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given.
 - 10 He sent and had John beheaded in the prison,
 - 11 and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.
 - 12 And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.
 - 13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
 - 14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.



- 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”
- 16 But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”
- 17 They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”
- 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.”
- 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
- 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
- 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.
- 22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
- 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
- 24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.
- 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.
- 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear.
- 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”
- 28 And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”
- 29 He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.



- 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”
- 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”
- 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”
- 34 And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.
- 35 And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick
- 36 and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.



MATTHEW 15

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- THEN** Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,
- 2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.”
- 3 He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?”
- 4 “For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’
- 5 “But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,”
- 6 he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.
- 7 “You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:
- 8 ‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
9 in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”
- 10** And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand:
- 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.”
- 12 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”
- 13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up.
- 14 “Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”



- 15 But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.”
- 16 And he said, “Are you also still without understanding?
- 17 “Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled?
- 18 “But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.
- 19 “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.
- 20 “These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”
- 21** And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
- 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”
- 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”
- 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
- 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”
- 26 And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”
- 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”
- 28 Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.
- 29** Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there.
- 30 And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them,



- 31 so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.
- 32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”
- 33 And the disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?”
- 34 And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.”
- 35 And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground,
- 36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
- 37 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
- 38 Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.
- 39 And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.



MATTHEW AT A GLANCE

Chapter Themes

Author:

Purpose:

Key Words:

	THE KING AND RIGHTEOUSNESS TO ENTER HIS KINGDOM	1 Jesus' genealogy and birth / Messiah, son of David
		2 Magi and Herod / Jesus—King of the Jews
		3 John the Baptist, "Repent for the kingdom is at hand" / Jesus baptized
		4 Jesus was tempted and preached, "Repent for the kingdom is at hand"
		5 Blessed...righteousness to enter kingdom
		6 Don't practice righteousness before men—give, pray, fast / Do not worry
		7 Do Father's will to enter kingdom
	HIS AUTHORITY	8 Jesus healed, calmed storm / What kind of man is this?
		9 Son of Man—authority to forgive, compassion
		10 Jesus sent out the 12 with authority / Don't fear
	WARNING TO THOSE WHO THINK THEY'RE IN KINGDOM, BUT AREN'T	11 John the Baptist in prison / Woe to Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum
		12 Lord of Sabbath greater than temple, Jonah, Solomon / scribes and Pharisees
		13 Parables about the kingdom



Chapter Themes

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