

## Week 4 – Chronological New Testament

### *A Paralytic Healed*

**Matt. 9:1** Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over *the sea* and came to His own city.

**Matt. 9:2** And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “**Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.**” <sup>3</sup> And some of the scribes said to themselves, “This *fellow* blasphemes.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “**Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?**” <sup>5</sup> “**Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, and walk’?**” <sup>6</sup> “**But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins**” – then He \*said to the paralytic, “**Get up, pick up your bed and go home.**” <sup>7</sup> And he got up and went home. <sup>8</sup> But when the crowds saw *this*, they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

### *Matthew Called*

**Matt. 9:9** As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector’s booth; and He \*said to him, “**Follow Me!**” And he got up and followed Him.

**Matt. 9:10** Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “***It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.***” <sup>13</sup> “**But go and learn what this means: ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,’** for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

### *The Question about Fasting*

**Matt. 9:14** Then the disciples of John \*came to Him, asking, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” <sup>15</sup> And Jesus said to them, “**The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.**” <sup>16</sup> “**But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.**” <sup>17</sup> “**Nor do *people* put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.**”

### *Miracles of Healing*

**Matt. 9:18** While He was saying these things to them, a *synagogue* official came and bowed down before Him, and said, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and *began* to follow him, and *so did* His disciples.

**Matt. 9:20** And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch His garment, I will get well.” <sup>22</sup> But Jesus turning and seeing her said, “**Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.**” At once the woman was made well.

**Matt. 9:23** When Jesus came into the official’s house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder, <sup>24</sup> He said, “**Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep.**” And they *began* laughing at Him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> This news spread throughout all that land.

**Matt. 9:27** As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” <sup>28</sup> When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus \*said to them, “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**” They \*said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” <sup>29</sup> Then He touched their eyes, saying, “**It shall be done to you according to your faith.**” <sup>30</sup> And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: “**See that no one knows about this!**” <sup>31</sup> But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land.

**Matt. 9:32** As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him. <sup>33</sup> After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, *and were* saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.” <sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees were saying, “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”

**Matt. 9:35** Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

**Matt. 9:36** Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He \*said to His disciples, “**The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.**” <sup>38</sup> “**Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.**”

#### *The Twelve Disciples; Instructions for Service*

**Matt. 10:1** Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

**Matt. 10:2** Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and

Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

**Matt. 10:5** These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of the Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; <sup>6</sup> but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup> “Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. <sup>9</sup> “Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, <sup>10</sup> or a bag for *your* journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support. <sup>11</sup> “And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave *that* city. <sup>12</sup> “As you enter the house, give it your greeting. <sup>13</sup> “If the house is worthy, give it your *blessing of* peace. But if it is not worthy, take back your *blessing of* peace. <sup>14</sup> “Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. <sup>15</sup> “Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for *the* land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

### *A Hard Road before Them*

**Matt. 10:16** “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> “But beware of men, for they will hand you over to *the* courts and scourge you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup> and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> “But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. <sup>20</sup> “For it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

**Matt. 10:21** “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. <sup>22</sup> “You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

**Matt. 10:23** “But whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish *going through* the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

### *The Meaning of Discipleship*

**Matt. 10:24** “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. <sup>25</sup> “It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more *will they malign* the members of his household!

**Matt. 10:26** “Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> “What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in *your* ear, proclaim upon the housetops. <sup>28</sup> “Do not fear those

who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> “Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And *yet* not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> “So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

**Matt. 10:32** “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> “But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

**Matt. 10:34** “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> “For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; <sup>36</sup> and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

**Matt. 10:37** “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> “He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

#### *The Reward of Service*

**Matt. 10:40** “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. <sup>41</sup> “He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. <sup>42</sup> “And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”

#### *John the Baptist Beheaded*

**Matt. 14:1** At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”

**Matt. 14:3** For when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. <sup>4</sup> For John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” <sup>5</sup> Although Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded John as a prophet.

**Matt. 14:6** But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before *them* and pleased Herod, <sup>7</sup> so *much* that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. <sup>8</sup> Having been prompted by her mother, she \*said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the

Baptist.” <sup>9</sup> Although he was grieved, the king commanded *it* to be given because of his oaths, and because of his dinner guests. <sup>10</sup> He sent and had John beheaded in the prison. <sup>11</sup> And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. <sup>12</sup> His disciples came and took away the body and buried it; and they went and reported to Jesus.

### *Five Thousand Fed*

**Matt. 14:13** Now when Jesus heard *about John*, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard *of this*, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

<sup>14</sup> When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

**Matt. 14:15** When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, “**They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!**” <sup>17</sup> They \*said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup> And He said, “**Bring them here to Me.**” <sup>19</sup> Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food*, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the crowds, <sup>20</sup> and they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets. <sup>21</sup> There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

### *Jesus Walks on the Water*

**Matt. 14:22** Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. <sup>23</sup> After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. <sup>24</sup> But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “**Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.**”

**Matt. 14:28** Peter said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” <sup>29</sup> And He said, “**Come!**” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and \*said to him, “**You of little faith, why did you doubt?**” <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup> And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “You are certainly God’s Son!”

**Matt. 14:34** When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup> And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent *word* into all that surrounding district and brought to

Him all who were sick; <sup>36</sup> and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched *it* were cured.

### *Teaching at Nazareth*

**Mark 6:1** Jesus went out from there and \*came into His hometown; and His disciples \*followed Him. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, “Where did this man *get* these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?” <sup>3</sup> “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him. <sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, “**A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household.**” <sup>5</sup> And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And He wondered at their unbelief.

And He was going around the villages teaching.

### *The Twelve Sent Out*

**Mark 6:7** And He \*summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits; <sup>8</sup> and He instructed them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, except a mere staff — no bread, no bag, no money in their belt — <sup>9</sup> but *to* wear sandals; and *He added*, “**Do not put on two tunics.**” <sup>10</sup> And He said to them, “**Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.**” <sup>11</sup> “**Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them.**” <sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that *men* should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

### *John’s Fate Recalled*

**Mark 6:14** And King Herod heard *of it*, for His name had become well known; and *people* were saying, “John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.” <sup>15</sup> But others were saying, “He is Elijah.” And others were saying, “*He is* a prophet, like one of the prophets *of old*.” <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard *of it*, he kept saying, “John, whom I beheaded, has risen!”

**Mark 6:17** For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” <sup>19</sup> Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death and could not *do so*; <sup>20</sup> for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him. <sup>21</sup> A strategic day came when Herod

on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee; <sup>22</sup> and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she came in a hurry to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> And although the king was very sorry, *yet* because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded *him* to bring *back* his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard *about this*, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

**Mark 6:30** The apostles \*gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And He \*said to them, "**Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.**" (For there were many *people* coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) <sup>32</sup> They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> *The people* saw them going, and many recognized *them* and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and it is already quite late; <sup>36</sup> send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup> But He answered them, "**You give them something to eat!**" And they \*said to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them *something* to eat?" <sup>38</sup> And He \*said to them, "**How many loaves do you have? Go look!**" And when they found out, they \*said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup> And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. <sup>41</sup> And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food* and broke the loaves and He kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup> and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish. <sup>44</sup> There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

#### *Jesus Walks on the Water*

**Mark 6:45** Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. <sup>46</sup> After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

**Mark 6:47** When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night He \*came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. <sup>49</sup>



But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; <sup>50</sup> for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and \*said to them, “Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup> Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, <sup>52</sup> for they had not gained any insight from the *incident of the loaves*, but their heart was hardened.

### *Healing at Gennesaret*

**Mark 6:53** When they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, immediately *the people* recognized Him, <sup>55</sup> and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their pallets those who were sick, to the place they heard He was. <sup>56</sup> Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.

### *Ministry of the Twelve*

**Luke 9:1** And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. <sup>2</sup> And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. <sup>3</sup> And He said to them, “Take nothing for *your journey*, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not *even* have two tunics apiece. <sup>4</sup> “Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city. <sup>5</sup> “And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup> Departing, they *began* going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

**Luke 9:7** Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, <sup>8</sup> and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen again. <sup>9</sup> Herod said, “I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?” And he kept trying to see Him.

**Luke 9:10** When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He *began* speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.

### *Five Thousand Fed*

**Luke 9:12** Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place.” <sup>13</sup> But He said to them, “You give them *something to eat!*” And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless



perhaps we go and buy food for all these people.” <sup>14</sup> (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, “**Have them sit down to eat in groups of about fifty each.**” <sup>15</sup> They did so, and had them all sit down. <sup>16</sup> Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke *them*, and kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before the people. <sup>17</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets *full*.

### *Five Thousand Fed*

**John 6:1** After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). <sup>2</sup> A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, \*said to Philip, “**Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?**” <sup>6</sup> This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little.” <sup>8</sup> One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, \*said to Him, <sup>9</sup> “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “**Have the people sit down.**” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were filled, He \*said to His disciples, “**Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost.**” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

### *Jesus Walks on the Water*

**John 6:15** So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

**John 6:16** Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> and after getting into a boat, they *started to* cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea *began to* be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they \*saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup> But He \*said to them, “**It is I; do not be afraid.**” <sup>21</sup> So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

**John 6:22** The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat,

but *that* His disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”

### *Words to the People*

**John 6:26** Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup> “Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” <sup>28</sup> Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? <sup>31</sup> “Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. <sup>33</sup> “For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”

**John 6:35** Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. <sup>36</sup> “But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. <sup>38</sup> “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

### *Words to the Jews*

**John 6:41** Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven’?” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> “It is written in the prophets, ‘AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me. <sup>46</sup> “Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> “I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> “This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

<sup>51</sup> “I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

**John 6:52** Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. <sup>54</sup> “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> “For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. <sup>58</sup> “This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup> These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

**John 6:60** Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? <sup>62</sup> “*What* then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? <sup>63</sup> “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. <sup>64</sup> “But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. <sup>65</sup> And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

#### *Peter's Confession of Faith*

**John 6:66** As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> “We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.” <sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?” <sup>71</sup> Now He meant Judas *the son* of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

#### *Tradition and Commandment*

**Matt. 15:1** Then some Pharisees and scribes \*came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, <sup>2</sup> “Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” <sup>3</sup> And He answered and said to them, “Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> “For God said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,’ and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.’ <sup>5</sup> “But you say, ‘Whoever says to *his* father or mother, “Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God,” <sup>6</sup> he is not to honor his father or his mother.’ And *by this* you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. <sup>7</sup> “You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you:

8 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS,  
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.  
9 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,  
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'"

**Matt. 15:10** After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. <sup>11</sup> "It is not what enters into the mouth *that* defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."

**Matt. 15:12** Then the disciples \*came and \*said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?" <sup>13</sup> But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> "Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

#### *The Heart of Man*

**Matt. 15:15** Peter said to Him, "Explain the parable to us." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said, "Are you still lacking in understanding also? <sup>17</sup> "Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated? <sup>18</sup> "But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. <sup>19</sup> "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. <sup>20</sup> "These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

#### *The Syrophoenician Woman*

**Matt. 15:21** Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and *began* to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." <sup>23</sup> But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us." <sup>24</sup> But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and *began* to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" <sup>26</sup> And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

#### *Healing Crowds*

**Matt. 15:29** Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there. <sup>30</sup> And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them *those who were* lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His

feet; and He healed them. <sup>31</sup> So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

#### *Four Thousand Fed*

**Matt. 15:32** And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, “I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.” <sup>33</sup> The disciples \*said to Him, “Where would we get so many loaves in *this* desolate place to satisfy such a large crowd?” <sup>34</sup> And Jesus \*said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven, and a few small fish.” <sup>35</sup> And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; <sup>36</sup> and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and giving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the people. <sup>37</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full. <sup>38</sup> And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

**Matt. 15:39** And sending away the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and came to the region of Magadan.

#### *Followers of Tradition*

**Mark 7:1** The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, *thus* observing the traditions of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and *when they come* from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots.) <sup>5</sup> The Pharisees and the scribes \*asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?” <sup>6</sup> And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS,  
BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

<sup>7</sup> ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME,  
TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’

<sup>8</sup> “Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”

**Mark 7:9** He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. <sup>10</sup> “For Moses said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER’; and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH’; <sup>11</sup> but you say, ‘If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given *to God*),’ <sup>12</sup> you no longer permit him to do anything for

*his father or his mother;* <sup>13</sup> *thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.*”

### *The Heart of Man*

**Mark 7:14** After He called the crowd to Him again, He *began* saying to them, “**Listen to Me, all of you, and understand:** <sup>15</sup> *there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.* <sup>16</sup> [“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”]

**Mark 7:17** When he had left the crowd *and* entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And He *\*said* to them, “**Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him,** <sup>19</sup> *because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?*” (*Thus He declared all foods clean.*) <sup>20</sup> And He was saying, “**That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.** <sup>21</sup> *“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,* <sup>22</sup> *deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.* <sup>23</sup> *“All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”*”

### *The Syrophoenician Woman*

**Mark 7:24** Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know *of it*; yet He could not escape notice. <sup>25</sup> But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophoenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> And He was saying to her, “**Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.**” <sup>28</sup> But she answered and *\*said* to Him, “Yes, Lord, *but* even the dogs under the table feed on the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup> And He said to her, “**Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter.**” <sup>30</sup> And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left.

**Mark 7:31** Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They *\*brought* to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they *\*implored* Him to lay His hand on him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva;* <sup>34</sup> and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He *\*said* to him, “**Ephphatha!**” that is, “**Be opened!**” <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he *began* speaking plainly. <sup>36</sup> And He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they continued to proclaim it. <sup>37</sup> They were utterly astonished, saying, “He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”



### *Pharisees Test Jesus*

**Matt. 16:1** The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup> But He replied to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘*It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.*’ <sup>3</sup> “And in the morning, ‘*There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.*’ Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot *discern* the signs of the times? <sup>4</sup> “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah.” And He left them and went away.

**Matt. 16:5** And the disciples came to the other side *of the sea*, but they had forgotten to bring *any* bread. <sup>6</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” <sup>7</sup> They began to discuss *this* among themselves, saying, “*He said that* because we did not bring *any* bread.” <sup>8</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, said, “You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread? <sup>9</sup> “Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets *full* you picked up? <sup>10</sup> “Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets *full* you picked up? <sup>11</sup> “How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” <sup>12</sup> Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

### *Peter’s Confession of Christ*

**Matt. 16:13** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He \*said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> “I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup> “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

### *Jesus Foretells His Death*

**Matt. 16:21** From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. <sup>22</sup> Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” <sup>23</sup> But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”



## *Discipleship Is Costly*

**Matt. 16:24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>27</sup> “For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

**Matt. 16:28** “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

## *Four Thousand Fed*

**Mark 8:1** In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples and \*said to them, <sup>2</sup> “I feel compassion for the people because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> “If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance.” <sup>4</sup> And His disciples answered Him, “Where will anyone be able to find enough bread here in this desolate place to satisfy these people?” <sup>5</sup> And He was asking them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.” <sup>6</sup> And He \*directed the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people. <sup>7</sup> They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be served as well. <sup>8</sup> And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces. <sup>9</sup> About four thousand were there; and He sent them away. <sup>10</sup> And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples and came to the district of Dalmanutha.

**Mark 8:11** The Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, to test Him. <sup>12</sup> Sighing deeply in His spirit, He \*said, “Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” <sup>13</sup> Leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

**Mark 8:14** And they had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. <sup>15</sup> And He was giving orders to them, saying, “Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” <sup>16</sup> They began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus, aware of this, \*said to them, “Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart? <sup>18</sup> “HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR? And do you not remember, <sup>19</sup> when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?” They \*said to Him, “Twelve.” <sup>20</sup> “When I broke the seven for

the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?” And they \*said to Him, “Seven.” <sup>21</sup> And He was saying to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

**Mark 8:22** And they \*came to Bethsaida. And they \*brought a blind man to Jesus and \*implored Him to touch him. <sup>23</sup> Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, “Do you see anything?” <sup>24</sup> And he looked up and said, “I see men, for I see *them* like trees, walking around.” <sup>25</sup> Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and *began* to see everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> And He sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

### *Peter's Confession of Christ*

**Mark 8:27** Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup> They told Him, saying, “John the Baptist; and others *say* Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> And He *continued* by questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter \*answered and \*said to Him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup> And He warned them to tell no one about Him.

**Mark 8:31** And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. <sup>33</sup> But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and \*said, “Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.”

**Mark 8:34** And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. <sup>35</sup> “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> “For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

**Luke 9:18** And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, “Who do the people say that I am?” <sup>19</sup> They answered and said, “John the Baptist, and others *say* Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again.” <sup>20</sup> And He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.” <sup>21</sup> But He warned them and instructed *them* not to tell this to anyone, <sup>22</sup> saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day.”

**Luke 9:23** And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. <sup>24</sup> “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. <sup>25</sup> “For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup> “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and *the glory* of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> “But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”