

Bible Study:

The Gospel According to **MATTHEW**

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Outline of Content

MATTHEW 14

Death of John the Baptist (14:1-12)

Jesus feeds about 5,000 men, as well as women and children (14:13-21)

Jesus walks on water (14:22-33)

Healings in Gennesaret (14:34-36)

Matthew 14

■ Chapter 14: Questions

- **What lessons can we learn from John the Baptist about suffering and persecution?**
- **What does the feeding of the 5,000 teach us about Jesus? What does the event teach us about what should be (possible parallel to Colossians 3:12-13)?**
- **Why did Jesus wait so late (the 4th watch / 3 AM – 6 AM) to meet the disciples in the boat? What can we learn from Jesus' "walking on the sea" miracle?**



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Issue about ritual washing of hands (15:1-9)

Defilement comes from the heart (15:10-20)

Phoenician woman's great faith (15:21-28)

Jesus heals many ailments (15:29-31)

Jesus feeds 4,000 men, as well as women and children (15:32-39)

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Matthew 15

■ Chapter 15: Questions

- What was the Pharisees goal in pointing out that the disciples did not wash their hands first?
- Why do you think Jesus didn't answer their question directly?
- If you are very careful, can you disguise what is in your heart by being careful what you say? How long do you think a person can keep up the act?
- What is the best way to ensure that your words are the good kind and not the defiling kind?



Matthew 15

■ Chapter 15: Questions

- **What can we learn from the Canaanite woman? Why do you think Jesus did not heal the child immediately?**
- **What lessons / insights can we learn from the feeding of the 4,000 compared to the 5,000?**
- **What comparisons and contrasts in the disciples can we draw between the feeding of the 4,000 and 5,000?**
- **Is there significance to the number of loaves of bread, fish and baskets of left overs in the feeding of the 4,000 and 5,000?**



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Jesus warns against leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees (16:5-12)

Peter identifies Jesus as the Christ (16:13-17)

Jesus gives Peter the keys of the Kingdom (16:18-20)

Jesus foretells his death and resurrection (16:21-23)

Requirements of true discipleship (16:24-28)

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Matthew 16

■ Chapter 16: Questions

- What was the motivation of those coming to see Jesus? What can be learned about people's motivations and methods?
- Why may have stimulated Jesus to talk about the "leaven" of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Herod – Mark 8)?
- What can be learned from Peter in verse 16 and in verses 22-23?
- What possible explanation can be given for Jesus' statement in verse 28?

