

MATTHEW: THE KING WHO SAVES

Rejecting Unbelief

Matthew 13:43-14:12

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Expanding Ministry, Enlarging Faith
Matthew 13:53-16:28

1. Lacking faith (13:58) – Refusing to believe
2. Little faith (14:31) – Doubting to believe
3. Large faith (15:28) – Continuing to believe
4. Living faith (16:15-16) – Confessing to believe

Rejecting Two Kinds of Unbelief

1. Being amazed by Jesus while remaining against Him (13:54-58).

...He began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked... And they took offense at him... And he did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief. (Mt 13:54–58)

Acts 13:4-12

When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord. (Ac 13:12)

2. Being intrigued by Jesus while remaining intolerant of Him (14:1-12).

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus, and he said to his attendants, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him." (Mt 14:1–2)

Luke 23:6-12

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. (Lk 23:8)

Rejecting Unbelief for Real Faith

Faith is RECOGNIZING who Jesus is and RESPONDING to Him with the appropriate trust, surrender, obedience, and worship.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. (Ro 12:1)

