

## **MATTHEW: THE KING WHO SAVES**

### ***Twin Dangers***

**Matthew 16:1-12**

**April 12, 2026**

### **Matthew's Portrait of Jesus the King**

Birth & Beginning (Mt 1-4)

Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7)

Ten Miracles (Mt 8-10)

The Commissioning of the Twelve (Mt 10)

Growing Opposition (Mt 11-12)

Parables of the Kingdom (Mt 13)

Expanding Ministry & Enlarging  
Faith (Mt 14-17)

Training for the Disciples (Mt 18)

The Rejection of the King (Mt 19-23)

The Olivet Discourse (Mt 25-25)

The Death & Resurrection of the King (Mt 26-28)

### **Expanding Ministry & Enlarging Faith (Matthew 14-17)**

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

### **Two Dangers Threatening Faith**

#### **1. Spiritual Deception.**

Pharisees – marked by self-righteousness (legalists)

*Then Pharisees and scribes came from Jerusalem to Jesus and asked, "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they don't wash their hands when they eat!" (Mt 15:1-2)*

Sadducees – marked by self-indulgence (liberals)

*The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe all these things. (Ac 23:8)*

#### **2. Spiritual Dullness.**

Slow to learn

*Then Peter said to Jesus, "Explain to us the parable that says people aren't defiled by what they eat." "Don't you understand yet?" Jesus asked. (Mt 15:15-16)*

Quick to forget

*“You of little faith... do you still not understand? Don't you remember...?” (Mt 16:8-9)*

“There is no better shield against spiritual [decline] and weakness than Christian remembering.” – Kent Hughes

### **Practical Ways to Actively Remember**

- Journal
- Use SOAP
- Times of testing (reflection)
- Daily expectation (Lam 3:22-24)

*The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, “The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!” (La 3:22–24)*