MYSTERY & MAJESTY

– 16 –

Watch, Beware and Remember

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- Who is Jesus?
- Who/what is influencing you?
- What influences you is developing who you are becoming.
- What you allow to shape your thinking will eventually shape your life.
- You don't have to agree with someone for their thinking to begin influencing yours.

Matthew 16:5-7 5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. 6 Jesus said to them, “Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” 7 And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.”

- Matthew 16 is a hinge chapter.

- We will see a shift in the way Jesus does ministry after this.
- Mark 8 says they only had one loaf.
- Leaven – rising agent like yeast for making bread.
- Small but it spreads far and fast.
- Jesus used positively about the kingdom in Matthew 13.
- He uses it negatively here.
- Teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees
- Herod's leaven in Mark.
- Sometimes we are so preoccupied with what is happening around us that we cannot hear what Jesus is actually saying to us.

Matthew 16:8-10 8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? 9 Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? 10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

- They have "Little faith" because they've seen this before.
- Fear and lack make you forget what you know.

- Jesus asks 2 questions: (1) Perceive – understanding. (2) Remember.
- Sometimes you don't need something new. You need to remember the last thing.
- Jesus is concerned about their revelation of him.
- You can be with Jesus and not perceive who he is.
- Do you need to be on guard or is it helping you to know Jesus?

Matthew 16:11-12 11 How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

- Sometimes we're so caught up in other things that we miss God. And God is gracious. He waits and teaches us again and again.
- Their slowness does not cause him to abandon them.
- Remember – what God has already done.
- Understand – what He has already revealed.
- Beware – of anything that contradicts or distorts it.