

THE WAY OF THE *Kingdom*

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth will be blessed** through you."

... At that time the **Canaanites** were in the land. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." **Genesis 13:2-3, 6-7**

"When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom." **1 Chronicles 17:11**

Matthew Chapter 15

1. Traditions over commands
2. Ritual over reality
3. Blessing of a non-Israelite
4. Blessing of the Gentiles

Matthew 15:21-28 | Also found in Mark 7:24-30

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A **Canaanite** woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "**Lord, Son of David**, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the **lost sheep of Israel**." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "**Lord**, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁷ "Yes it is, **Lord**," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "**Woman, you have great faith!** Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

"This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

– Jesus, Luke 24:46–47

Matthew 15:29-39 | Also found in Mark 7:31-8:10

²⁹ Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. ³⁰ Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. ³¹ The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel. ³² Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way." ³³ His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?" ³⁴ "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "**Seven**," they replied, "and a few small fish." ³⁵ He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶ Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. ³⁷ They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up **seven** basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸ The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹ After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

"In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 3:4-6

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your **heart** that you believe and are justified, and it is with your **mouth** that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." **For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him**, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:9-13