

Southside Baptist Church  
Wednesday Night Worship – 1-31-24  
Matthew Chapter 14 Part 4 into Chapter 15 Part 1  
Jesus heals many and answers a tough question

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

1) After feeding the 5,000 plus people that day, Jesus...

a) Jesus sent His disciples to the other side knowing full well He was sending them into a storm. Vs. 22

b) Jesus departed to be alone with His Father and pray. Vs. 23

c) While Jesus was praying, His disciples encountered the storm. Vs. 24

d) Jesus comes to them walking on the water. Vs. 25-26

e) Peter walked on water at the invitation of Jesus. Vs. 28-29

f) Peter took his eyes off of Jesus to look at his circumstances. Vs. 30-31

g) Peter began to sink in the storm. Vs. 30 – But Jesus caught him. Vs. 31

2) Application – Principle – we can trust God in the moment, but this trust must continue in the next no matter what comes our way.

3) There are storms of correction and storms of perfection.

b. Taking a look ahead:

1) Jesus heals many people –

2) Here come the scribes and Pharisees once again.

2. Jesus heals many in Gennesaret: Matthew 14:34-36

a. Where are we? Verse 34

1) In a district northwest of the Sea of Galilee –

2) Gennesaret – **“princely gardens”** –

b. What happened here?

1) Verse 35 – **“had knowledge of him”** - means to recognize by sight, hearing, or certain signs thus to perceive who a person is.

2) These men who recognized Jesus, sent word throughout the country –

3) Why were these men so fearless to go and invite people to come to Jesus?

4) Application – Can I say that this does not surprise me.

a) Matthew 9:12 –

c. Do you see faith here?

1) Verse 36 – These men begged Jesus to allow these people to **“touch the hem of his garment”**

a) Matthew’s testimony – **“and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.”**

3. Jesus is asked a tough question:

a. Here come the scribes and Pharisees:

1) Verse 1 –

b. What defiles a man?

1) Verse 2- what key phrase sticks out to you here?

a) **“tradition of the elders”** –

- 2) I think what they are really asking is –
- c. Let's do a little research here. Mark 7:1-4
  - 1) Their question wasn't about the scriptures but about traditions.
  - 2) They believed that Moses –
- d. Oral Law: A reference to the Talmud.
  - 1) Talmud – the oral law that was written down.
  - 2) Some different perspective concerning the Talmud –
  - 3) The Pharisees are confronting Jesus with what has been handed down as tradition, not truth.
  - 4) Is the Church hindered at times by tradition?
- 4. Jesus responds with a question of His own: Matthew 15:3
  - a. What do you see as different about Jesus' question?
    - 1) Verse 3 – Both asked why the other was disobeying but –
    - 2) Jesus was direct here –
  - b. Jesus asked about a real commandment from God: Matthew 15:4
    - 1) Verse 4 –
    - 2) To “**honour thy father and mother**” –
    - 3) But, “**he that curseth father and mother**” –
    - 4) What are these Pharisees in danger of?
  - c. Jesus continues to shed light here for them: Matthew 15:5
    - 1) Verse 5 –
      - a) Jesus quotes them –
      - 2) “**it is a gift**”, or “**corban**” – This thing is dedicated to the service of God and therefore it cannot be used for something else.
        - a) Who does “them” refer to?
      - 3) Verse 6 – “**he shall be free**” – free from what?
      - 4) Could it be that they are withholding something that could help their parents?
      - 5) Question – what is the responsibility of children toward their parents?
      - 6) Part of bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord would include –
      - 7) How long does this principle last?
      - 8) What does the Bible say about the responsibility of the child to their parents?