

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 6-19-24
Matthew Chapter 16 Part 1
The Pharisees ask for another sign.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We saw Jesus heal a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment.
- 2) Jesus continued to minister by healing many in this time.
- 3) Jesus fed over 4,000 people with 7 loaves and a few small fishes.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) The door closes on chapter 15 with the feeding of the 4,000.
- 2) Jesus gets into a ship and proceeds to the coasts of Magdala.
- 3) We will encounter the Pharisees once again here.

2. Another request for a sign: Matthew 16:1-5

a. It seems their motive was to tempt Jesus.

1) Verse 1 –

- a) To me, this request was very hypocritical of these religious leaders. Why?
- b) Isn't this request a rejection of all the signs Jesus has done thus far?
- c) Warren Weirsbe – “Miracles do not convince people of sin or give a desire for salvation. Miracles will give confirmation where there is faith, but not where this is willful unbelief.”

2) Verse 2-3

- a) What were they wise in?

3) Verse 4 –

- a) Remember that in the Bible, words matter.
- b) “**wicked**” – hurtful evil in influence.
- c) “**adulterous**” – being faithless to God, unclean, apostate.
- d) “**sign**” – wonder by which one may recognize a person or confirm who he is.

4) Verse 5 –

- a) Matthew provides us with some context here.

b. Chronological insight.

- 1) Matthew 16:6-12 and Mark 8:13-26

3. Jesus wants the disciples: Matthew 16:6-12

a. What is the leaven of the Pharisees?

1) Verse 6 –

- a) “**leaven**” – a metaphor that speaks of the mental and moral corruption and specifically in the way Jesus used it here is its tendency to infect others.
- b) “beware” – attend to oneself, to give heed to oneself, to guard oneself.

2) Verse 7 –

- a) Ok, so maybe they missed it again here.

3) Verse 8 –

- a) Notice Jesus spoke of their faith here.

4) Verse 9 –

- a) Catch the question – do you understand?
- b) What should be growing here? Their faith?

5)Verse 10 –

a)Is Jesus repeating something here?

6)Verse 11 –

a)Grace – Jesus helps them see what he meant.

7)Verse 12 –

a)The disciples help us connect more specifically what Jesus was teaching here.

b)What could be the most dangerous doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

8)Application:

a)I think Jesus could say something very similar to this today.

4.Peter's confessions of faith. Matthew 16:13-20

a.Jesus asked, "Whom do men say that I the son of man am?"

1)Verse 13 –

a)An interesting question for the disciples to answer because of what it would reveal.

b)Why was this question important?

2)Verse 14 –

a)We better understand what they have heard.

3)Verse 15 -

a)Why ask this?

4)Verse 16 –

a)We should not be shocked that Peter was the first to speak.

b)Was Peter right?

5)Verse 17 –

a)How did Peter learn this?

b)Was this the first confession concerning Jesus?

6)Looking at this from a chronology of events:

a)John 1:41 – Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. Why did he do that?

b)John 1:49 – Nathaneal's confession.

c)Matthew 14:33 – What did the disciples say here?

d)John 6:68-69 – Peter stated here –

5.Tonight's Take Away:

a.Is it true in your life that you have so many things on your mind that you have no room or time to think about the things the Lord has taught you and the things He has shown you?

b.What do you think is the most dangerous doctrine concerning the Bible that is being taught today?