

Behold Your King!

Studies in the Gospel of Matthew

The Execution of John and the Power of the King

Matthew 14

Lesson 10

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

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The Gospel According to Matthew

- ▶ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham
- ▶ The fulfillment of the Promise
 - Genesis 3:15
 - Genesis 12:1-3, 7
 - 2 Samuel 7
- ▶ Promise: Blessing – Salvation
 - Solving the problem of sin
 - Establishing dominion over God's creation

The Gospel According to Matthew

- ▶ Jesus is the Christ
 - The Son of God
 - The Savior of the world
- ▶ Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven
 - A Kingdom deferred – A hidden Kingdom
 - A gathering of Gentiles into the Kingdom
 - A participation in the sufferings of Christ

The Gospel According to Matthew

► Five Discourses

- The Sermon on the Mount (5-7)
- The Commissioning of the Twelve (10)
- The Kingdom Parables (13)
- The King's Administration (18)
- The Olivet Discourse (24-25)

► Twin peaks

- Peter's Confession (16:13-20)
- Jesus Death and Resurrection (27:32-28:10)

Matthew 14

▶ Context

- The parables of the Hidden Kingdom
- The rejection of Jesus
- The reception of Jesus: Truly you are the Son of God

▶ Outline

- Herod views the miraculous powers (14:1-12)
- Feeding the 5000 (14:13-21)
- Jesus walks on water (14:22-36)

Herod the Great

- ▶ 8 sons
- ▶ Successors: Archelaus, Herod Antipas, Philip the tetrarch
- ▶ Herod Philip and Herodias, the parents of Salome
- ▶ Aristobulus, father of Herodias
- ▶ Herod Antipas and Herodias – adulterous relationship
- ▶ King – Ethnarch – Tetrarch

The fame of Jesus

- ▶ The miraculous powers (13:54, 58; 14:2)
- ▶ Herod's superstition
- ▶ Herod's guilt – Proverbs 28:17; Isaiah 57:21
- ▶ Herod's blindness

Flashback – the death of John

- ▶ Arrested for the sake of Herodias
- ▶ Herod's fear
- ▶ A birthday party and a dancing girl
- ▶ Herodias gets revenge
- ▶ Herod – for sake of his oath and his guests

A life lost for Christ's sake

- ▶ Take up your cross (Matthew 10:38-39)
- ▶ Was this a sign of unbelief?
- ▶ John's commendable faith in obscurity (Heb. 11:36-40)
- ▶ They went and told Jesus – He withdrew
- ▶ 1 Peter 2:21-23 – Footsteps of Christ

Feeding the 5,000 (14:13-21)

- ▶ Herod's curiosity – Jesus withdrew from Herod
 - Left for tetrarchy of Philip
 - Desolate place . . . by boat
- ▶ A great crowd – no evidence of faith
- ▶ The love of God in Christ
 - Mark – he taught them
 - Luke – spoke of the Kingdom of God
 - John – no teaching or healing – seeking bread
 - Matthew – compassion with healing

Feeding the 5,000

- ▶ Disciples – “Send them away.”
- ▶ Jesus – “You feed them.”
- ▶ Jesus feeds the 5,000+
- ▶ Response – satisfied

Feeding the 5,000

- ▶ Matt. 16:3 – you cannot interpret the signs of the times
- ▶ Psalm 132:15 – the sign of the Messiah
- ▶ Matt. 16:16 – Peter's confession

Jesus walks on water (14:22-33)

- ▶ Made disciples get into the boat
- ▶ Prayed
- ▶ In the storm all night
- ▶ Jesus walks on water to the boat
- ▶ The disciples see a ghost!

Jesus addresses their unbelief

- ▶ I AM
- ▶ Take heart. Do not be afraid.
- ▶ Peter's faith – "Command me to come . . ."
- ▶ Peter walks on water.
- ▶ Peter distracted by the waves
- ▶ Peter cries out, "Lord, save me!"

Little faith

- ▶ Doubt – two directions or two masters
- ▶ What is faith?
- ▶ Power of positive thinking?
- ▶ Hebrews 11:1
 - Assurance and conviction
 - Things hoped for – things not seen
- ▶ Hebrews 11:6
 - Believe that God is (I AM)
 - Believe that God is the Rewarder of those who seek Him

Little faith – True faith

- ▶ Worship Jesus
- ▶ Truly You are the Son of God

Healing the sick in Gennesaret (14:34-35)

- ▶ Uncertain faith – in healing or in Him?
- ▶ All were made well – compassion of Christ

A lesson on faith

▶ No works because of unbelief

- Not a hindrance to Him
- A judgment for lack of faith

▶ True faith

- Miraculous works clearly seen – but not sufficient (e.g. Herod)
- Faith does not guarantee a temporal outcome (e.g. death of John)
- Faith does not determine blessing – the love of Christ determines it
- Weak faith but true faith – demonstrated by the object of faith
- Faith is in the Person of Jesus Christ, not a particular outcome
 - Job 13:15 - “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”
 - Genesis 18:25 – “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”