

# Matthew Ch 14

Class for Jan 8, 2023

Gospel of Matthew

***Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1***

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Jan 1, 2023 – YE review of 2022 and 2023 Look Ahead*
- ✓ *Jan 8, 2023 – Matthew Ch 14*
- *Jan 15, 2021 – Matthew Ch 15*
- *Jan 22, 2021 – Matthew Ch 16*
- *Jan 29, 2022 – Matthew Ch 17*

*My plan is to continue both In-Person and Zoom in 2023*

# Matthew Ch 13 – Quick Review to catch us up

- *Jesus has been ministering all over the Galilee*
- *People by the thousands have flocked to hear him and experience healing, raising the dead, casting out evil spirits...miracles only God could do*
- *Jesus has willingly gone beyond the Jewish boundaries and associated with commoners, tax collectors, women, and others that the Jewish leadership viewed as unworthy and unclean.*
- *All of this has drawn the ire of the Jerusalem Jewish Community whose disdain for Him has turned to looking for opportunities to kill Him.*
- *Jesus has switched to **Parable Teaching** to confound the Jews yet still get His message to His followers*

# Matthew Ch 13 – Parables Discussed

- *Parable of the Sower (or Seeds)*
- *Parable of the Weeds (Tares)*
- *Parable of the Mustard Seed*
- *Parable of the Yeast*
- *Parables of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl*
- *Parables of the Net and the fish*

*Afterward, He went to Nazareth to minister and was rejected by the people there.*

## Matthew Ch 13:57-58 *Jesus Rejected*

*57 And they took offense at him.*

*But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”*

*58 And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.*

*Now we come to Chapter 14*

# Matthew Ch 14:1-5 John the Baptist beheaded

**14** *At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus,*

**2** *and he said to his attendants, “This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”*

**3** *Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife,*

**4** *for John had been saying to him: “It is not lawful for you to have her.”*

**5** *Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered John a prophet.*

# Matthew Ch 14:6-12 Backstory of Beheading

*<sup>6</sup> On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for the guests and pleased Herod so much*

*<sup>7</sup> that he promised **with an oath** to give her whatever she asked.*

*<sup>8</sup> Prompted by her mother, she said, "**Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.**"*

*<sup>9</sup> The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted*

*<sup>10</sup> and had John beheaded in the prison.*

*<sup>11</sup> His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother.*

*<sup>12</sup> **John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.***

# Matthew Ch 14:13-17 *Feeding the 5,000*

*<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by **boat** privately **to a solitary place**. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.*

*<sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a **large crowd**, he had **compassion on them and healed their sick**.*

*<sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “**This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.**”*

*<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, “**They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.**”*

*<sup>17</sup> “**We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,**” they answered.*

***What does Jesus do now?***



## Matthew Ch 14:18-21 *In HIS HANDS*

***18 “Bring them here to me,” he said.***

***19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.***

***20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.***

***21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.***

# Matthew Ch 14:22-28 Jesus walks on the water

<sup>22</sup> **Immediately** Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

<sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside **by himself** to pray. **Later that night, he was there alone,**

<sup>24</sup> **and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. (Passover – full moon)**

<sup>25</sup> **Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.**

<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, **they were terrified.** “It’s a **ghost**,” they said and **cried out in fear.**

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: **“Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”**

<sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, **“tell me to come to you on the water.”**

## John 6:14-15 Why the urgency to leave?

*<sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “**Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.**”*

*<sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make **him king by force**, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.*

*Jesus knew that the situation was volatile, and His time was not yet ready, and the disciples would jump on board with the move, and it would only get worse, so He sent them ahead so He could deal with the crowd alone.*

# Matthew Ch 14:29-34. Faith or Doubt

<sup>29</sup> ***“Come,”** he said.*

*Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.*

<sup>30</sup> ***But when he saw the wind,** he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, **“Lord, save me!”***

<sup>31</sup> *Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. **“You of little faith,”** he said, **“why did you doubt?”***

<sup>32</sup> *And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.*

<sup>33</sup> *Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, **“Truly you are the Son of God.”***

<sup>34</sup> *When they had crossed over, they landed at **Gennesaret.***

## Matthew Ch 14:34-36 Gennesaret

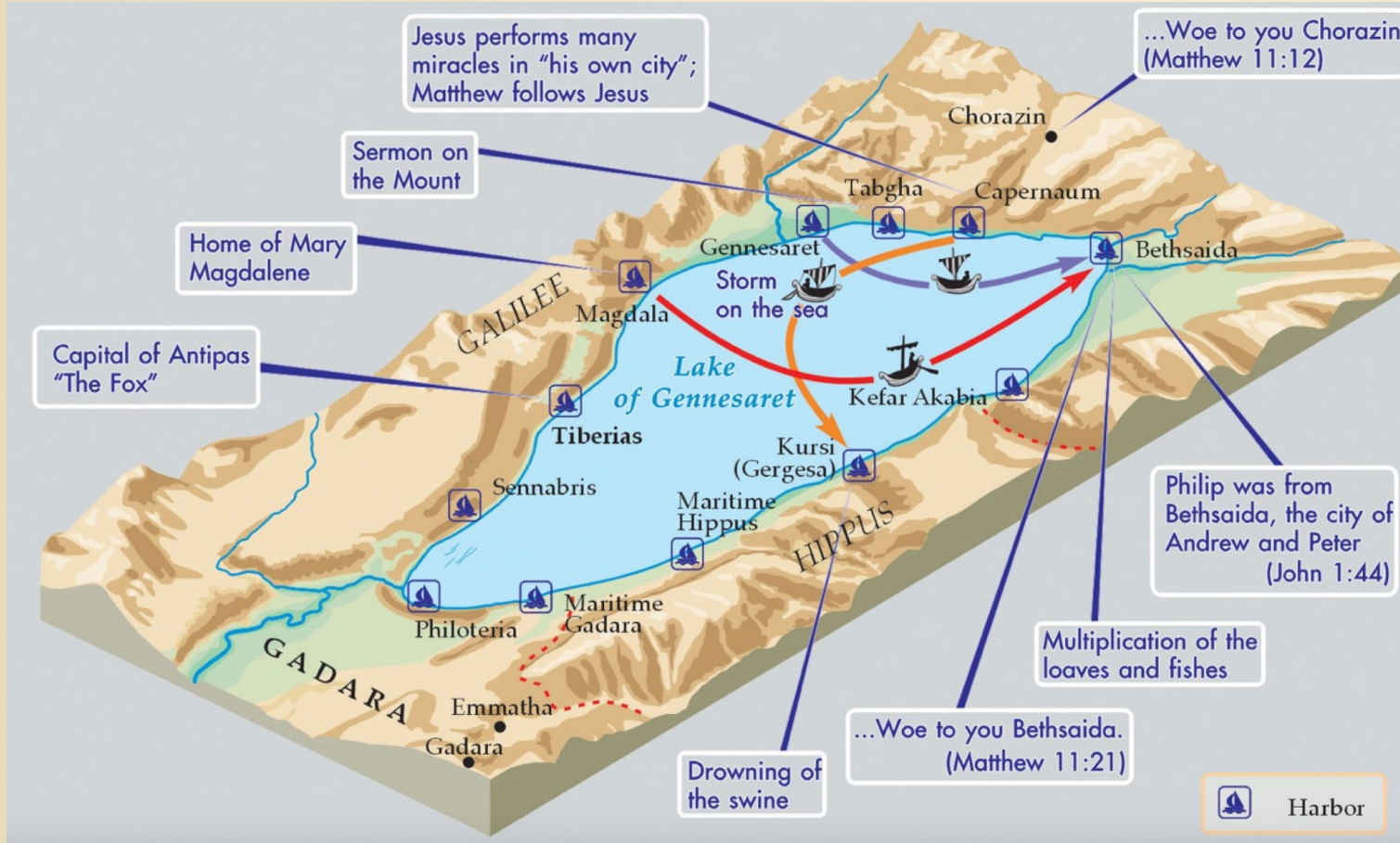
***34** When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret.*

***35** And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him*

***36** and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak,*

*and all who touched it were healed.*

# Map of the journey with places marked



## Site Explanation (A/T/M)

- Tabgha
- Capernaum
- Gennesaret
- Magdala
- Bethsaida at Capernaum

# What can we learn from this encounter?

- *Jesus' ministry and fame were spread throughout the land, both in Jewish areas and gentile pagan areas*
- *Large crowds followed Him, many to hear him, but many to be healed*
- *Jesus healed them all*
- *We learned that by Faith and keeping our eyes on Jesus and not the things around us, we can do extraordinary things*
- *We learned that the people who knew Jesus best...his hometown, the Jews in Capernaum, and the Jewish towns around Capernaum sought him for the miracles, not the message...they rejected the messenger because they could not set aside their tradition and see Him differently*
- *The Pagans/Gentiles took his Gospel message to heart. As it is now.*
- *The religious Jews in Jerusalem wanted to eliminate or discredit him because he was doing things only God could do, but they did not accept Him as the long-awaited Messiah*

# Matt Ch 15 – a Teaser...

*In Chapter 15 Jesus addresses a long-debated item in church history*

- *What actually defiles us as believers?*
  - *Our cleanliness*
  - *What we eat?*
  - *What we drink?*
  - *Rules we adhere to or don't?*
  - *Traditions we keep or don't?*
- *Jews had many laws regulating these and other items, but Jesus stretched the minds of the Jews and his disciples*



# Matt Ch 15:1-7a *What defiles us?*

*15 Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked,*

*2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”*

*3 Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?”*

*4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’*

*5 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘**devoted to God,**’*

*6 they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. **Thus, you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.***

*7 **You hypocrites!** Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:*

# For Next Week...

- *Come back again...either in person or online through Zoom*
- *Read Matthew Chapters 15 and 16*
- *Pray for our country, State, County, and their leaders*
- *Pray for our Church, Pastors, and all members/visitors*
- *Pray for each other, and the specified prayer requests*
- *Thank God for all the answered prayers*
- *Be ready in season and out to proclaim **Jesus as Lord.***

***Remember...God loves you and so do we***