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MATTHEW CHAPTER 13: 53-58

WHEN JESUS HAD FINISHED THESE PARABLES,
HE MOVED ON FROM THERE. COMING TO HIS HOMETOWN,
HE BEGAN TEACHING THE PEOPLE IN THEIR SYNAGOGUE,
AND THEY WERE AMAZED.

"WHERE DID THIS MAN GET THIS WISDOM AND THESE MIRACULOUS
POWERS?" THEY ASKED. "ISN'T THIS THE CARPENTER'S SON?
ISN'T HIS MOTHER'S NAME MARY, AND AREN'T HIS BROTHERS
JAMES, JOSEPH, SIMON AND JUDAS? AREN'T ALL HIS SISTERS WITH US?
WHERE THEN DID THIS MAN GET ALL THESE THINGS?"
AND THEY TOOK OFFENSE AT HIM.

BUT JESUS SAID TO THEM, "ONLY IN HIS HOMETOWN
AND IN HIS OWN HOUSE IS A PROPHET WITHOUT HONOR."
AND HE DID NOT DO MANY MIRACLES THERE
BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF FAITH.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14: 1-5

AT THAT TIME HEROD THE TETRARCH HEARD THE REPORTS ABOUT JESUS, 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."

NOW HEROD HAD ARRESTED JOHN AND BOUND HIM AND PUT HIM IN PRISON BECAUSE OF HERODIAS, HIS BROTHER PHILIP'S WIFE, FOR JOHN HAD BEEN SAYING TO HIM:

"IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE HER."

HEROD WANTED TO KILL JOHN, BUT HE WAS AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED HIM A PROPHET.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14: 6-12

ON HEROD'S BIRTHDAY THE DAUGHTER OF HERODIAS DANCED FOR THEM AND PLEASED HEROD SO MUCH THAT HE PROMISED WITH AN OATH TO GIVE HER WHATEVER SHE ASKED.

PROMPTED BY HER MOTHER, SHE SAID,
"GIVE ME HERE ON A PLATTER THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST."
THE KING WAS DISTRESSED, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS OATHS AND HIS DINNER GUESTS, HE ORDERED THAT HER REQUEST BE GRANTED AND HAD JOHN BEHEADED IN THE PRISON.

HIS HEAD WAS BROUGHT IN ON A PLATTER AND GIVEN TO THE GIRL, WHO CARRIED IT TO HER MOTHER. JOHN'S DISCIPLES CAME AND TOOK HIS BODY AND BURIED IT. THEN THEY WENT AND TOLD JESUS.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14: 13-17

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. WHEN JESUS LANDED AND SAW A LARGE CROWD,
HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND HEALED THEIR SICK.

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."

JESUS REPLIED, "THEY DO NOT NEED TO GO AWAY.
YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT."

"WE HAVE HERE ONLY FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISH,"
THEY ANSWERED.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14: 18-21

BRING THEM HERE TO ME," HE SAID.

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.

THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED, AND THE DISCIPLES PICKED UP
TWELVE BASKETFULS OF BROKEN PIECES THAT WERE LEFT OVER.

THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO ATE WAS ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND MEN,
BESIDES WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14: 22 - 27

IMMEDIATELY JESUS MADE THE DISCIPLES GET INTO THE BOAT AND GO ON AHEAD OF HIM TO THE OTHER SIDE, WHILE HE DISMISSED THE CROWD. AFTER HE HAD DISMISSED THEM, HE WENT UP ON A MOUNTAIN SIDE BY HIMSELF TO PRAY.

WHEN EVENING CAME, HE WAS THERE ALONE, BUT THE BOAT WAS ALREADY A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM LAND, BUFFETED BY THE WAVES BECAUSE THE WIND WAS AGAINST IT.

DURING THE FOURTH WATCH OF THE NIGHT JESUS WENT OUT TO THEM, WALKING ON THE LAKE. WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW HIM WALKING ON THE LAKE, THEY WERE TERRIFIED. "IT'S A GHOST," THEY SAID, AND CRIED OUT IN FEAR.

BUT JESUS IMMEDIATELY SAID TO THEM:
"TAKE COURAGE! IT IS I. DON'T BE AFRAID."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14: 28 - 33

"LORD, IF IT'S YOU," PETER REPLIED,
"TELL ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER."
"COME," HE SAID.

THEN PETER GOT DOWN OUT OF THE BOAT, WALKED ON THE WATER
AND CAME TOWARD JESUS. BUT WHEN HE SAW THE WIND, HE WAS
AFRAID AND, BEGINNING TO SINK, CRIED OUT, "LORD, SAVE ME!"

IMMEDIATELY JESUS REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND CAUGHT HIM.
"YOU OF LITTLE FAITH," HE SAID, "WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"

AND WHEN THEY CLIMBED INTO THE BOAT, THE WIND DIED DOWN.
THEN THOSE WHO WERE IN THE BOAT WORSHIPED HIM, SAYING,
"TRULY YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD."

MATTHEW CHAPTER 14: 34 - 36

WHEN THEY HAD CROSSED OVER, THEY LANDED AT GENNESARET.

AND WHEN THE MEN OF THAT PLACE RECOGNIZED JESUS,
THEY SENT WORD TO ALL THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY.
PEOPLE BROUGHT ALL THEIR SICK TO HIM AND BEGGED HIM
TO LET THE SICK JUST TOUCH THE EDGE OF HIS CLOAK,
AND ALL WHO TOUCHED HIM WERE HEALED.

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THE KINGDOM IS PRECEDED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST (MT. 3:2-3),
THE “ELIJAH WHO WAS TO COME” (MT. 11:14):

“REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR.”

THIS IS HE WHO WAS SPOKEN OF THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH:

“A VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE DESERT,
‘PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD,
MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM.’”

THE KINGDOM IS ANNOUNCED BY JESUS AT THE START OF HIS MINISTRY:

“REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR.”
(MT. 4:17; MT. 10:7)

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CONNECTED TO THE OT PROMISE OF THE KINGDOM AND THE MESSIAH; (PSALM 103;19, DANIEL 4:3), BUT IT DIFFERED IN THAT:

- JESUS ANNOUNCES AN ETERNAL KINGDOM, NOT JUST AN EARTHLY KINGDOM, AND
- IT INCLUDED ALL CREATION, NOT JUST THE NATION OF ISRAEL.

GREAT DEBATE ON WHEN IT BEGINS:

- FUTURE VIEW
- PRESENT VIEW
- PART PRESENT AND FULFILLED IN THE FUTURE

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IS KINGDOM SYNONYMOUS WITH SALVATION?

1. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS THE RULE OF AN ETERNAL SOVEREIGN GOD OVER ALL CREATURES AND THINGS.
2. IT IS ALSO USED TO DESIGNATE THE SALVATION THAT IS ENTERED INTO THROUGH THE NEW BIRTH (JOHN 3:5-7)

MARK 10:17-23

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JESUS LOOKED AT HIM AND LOVED HIM. “ONE THING YOU LACK,” HE SAID. “GO, SELL EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN. THEN COME, FOLLOW ME.”

AT THIS THE MAN'S FACE FELL. HE WENT AWAY SAD, BECAUSE HE HAD GREAT WEALTH. JESUS LOOKED AROUND AND SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, “HOW HARD IT IS FOR THE RICH TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD!”

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