

The Ministry Continues Matthew 14-15

I. In a Changing Context

1. Response to His teaching was mixed
In Matt. 11-12 – doubt, dissatisfaction, faith
Open conflict, rejection, determination to kill
2. Rejection of leaders is set – 12:14, 22-32
He works in power of Satan – Let's kill Him
3. Unbelief in Galilee
Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum – 11:20-24
His own area (Nazareth) – 13:54-58
4. His teaching method changed
With the introduction of parables
5. But His ministry continued
His compassion did not change – 14:14
He responds to the cry of the needy
His mission did not change
He came to seek and to save the lost
6. Jesus begins to withdraw – Matt. 14-15
Beyond Judea and Galilee
Not in fear but waiting for appointed time
Into the desert -14:13
To the mountain to pray – 14:22-23
To Gennesaret – 14:34
To Tyre and Sidon - 15:21
To the mountain – 15:29
To Magdala – 15:39
To Caesarea Philippi – 16:13

II. As the Response Changed

1. Herod's response – 14:1-13
Jesus is John the Baptist revived -1-3
Filled with guilt over killing John – 4-11
This was an unacceptable response – 12-13
Jesus departed into the desert – 13
2. A multitude followed Him – 14:13-21
With compassion Jesus healed their sick – 14
He fed their hunger – 15-21
3. Ministering to His disciples – 14:22-32
Jesus spent time alone in prayer – 22-23
Disciples troubled in the ship – 24
Wind and the waves tossed the ship
Troubled by appearance of Jesus – 25-26
He came to them walking on the sea
They were afraid – thought it was a ghost
Jesus ministered to their fears – 27-31
He reassured them of His presence – 27
He granted Peter his request – 28-29
He saved Peter from drowning – 30-31
Jesus calmed the wind – 32
Disciples respond in worship – 33
They saw Him as the Son of God

4. Ministry in Gennesaret – 34-36
He healed many in response to faith
5. Conflict with religious leaders – 15:1-9
They came from Jerusalem – official mission - 1
Charge: violating elders tradition on cleansing - 2
Jesus: Your tradition violates God's command- 3-9
Set aside Command to honor parents – hypocrites
6. Jesus teaching on defilement – 10-20
Washing hands cleans externally
True defilement comes from the heart
7. Ministry to Gentile woman – 21-28
Her daughter was demon-possessed – 21-22
Disciples want to send her away – 23
Healing of daughter in response to faith – 24-28
8. Ministry to multitude – 15:29-39
Jesus retreated to the mountain – 29
Multitudes followed & brought sick – 30
Jesus healed them & they responded – 30-31
He has compassion for their hunger – 32
Feeds 4,000 men plus women & children - 38