

Study the New Testament in Thirteen Weeks
Bible Reading Summary
Week 1, Day 4, Thursday, Matthew 13-15

Chapter 13. Because the crowd was so large, Jesus preached from a boat. He told the parable of the sower. Some seeds fall on good soil and produce a crop, some do not. Jesus explained to His disciples why He preached in parables. Then, He explained the parable of the sower to His disciples. Next, He told the parables about the weeds, the mustard seed, the leaven, the hidden treasure in the field, the pearl of great value, and the net. Jesus was rejected in His hometown of Nazareth, and His brothers are named by the townspeople.

Chapter 14. Because Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he thought Jesus was John the Baptist raised from the dead. Jesus fed 5,000 from 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes. Jesus walked on water after He prayed on the mountain. Peter also walked on the water until he became afraid and lacked faith. When Jesus got into the boat, the disciples worshiped Him as the Son of God.

Chapter 15. The Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem to question Him. They discussed traditions and God's commands. Jesus said they set aside the commands of God when they created their traditions. The Pharisees were blind guides leading the blind—people His Father had not planted. What is said and done from the heart is what defiles a person. Jesus cast a demon out of the daughter of Canaanite woman and commended her great faith. Jesus healed many and fed 4,000, plus women and children.

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