

If you continue in my word...

Matthew, Chapters 8-14

Chapter 8

1. 8:1-17 – Matthew records three miracles of Jesus:
 - a. Jesus heals a man with leprosy
 - b. Jesus heals the servant of a centurion
 - c. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-lawThen many people bring sick friends and relatives to Jesus. Jesus heals them fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah 53:4
2. 8:5-13 – Centurions were Roman army officers. This is one of two instances when Jesus praises the faith of a person. The other instance is in Matthew 15:28 where Jesus praises the faith a Canaanite woman – neither were Jewish believers, both were Gentiles
3. 8:18-22 – Jesus shows the cost of discipleship – it is *keeping Christ first* in your heart and life
4. 8:23-27 – In contrast to the centurion's great faith, the disciples have "little faith" (26) when a storm comes
5. 8:28-34 – Here is a different kind of miracle – Jesus drives demons out of a man. How interesting that the demons (or evil angels) knew that Jesus was the "Son of God"

Chapter 9

1. 9:1-8 – Jesus heals a paralyzed man. The miracle is proof that Jesus also has the power to forgive sins
2. 9:9-13 – Jesus calls the tax collector Matthew to be his disciple. Jesus says, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." The self-righteous do not think that they need a Savior, but sinners do
3. 9:14-17 – Old Testament believers fasted (went without food) as a symbol of sorrow over sin. Jesus

ushered in the New Testament time which superseded all the religious laws of the Old Testament

4. 9:18-26 – Jesus heals a woman with a bleeding disease and raises a little girl from the dead – one of three instances when Jesus did this. Lazarus and the son of the widow from Nain are the others
5. 9:27-34 – Jesus heals a blind man and a mute man, continuing to show that he is true God
6. 9:35-38 – Jesus the Savior “has compassion” on people, and asks the Lord to send out more workers

Chapter 10

1. Jesus’ first great sermon in Matthew was the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7. Chapter 10 is the second great sermon as Jesus sends out the apostles
2. 10:1,2 – Jesus had numerous “disciples” or followers. He chose twelve of them to be “apostles,” his *sent out* ones. We see their names in 10:2-4
3. Important statements of Jesus in this sermon:
 - a. “The worker is worth his keep” (10)
 - b. “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves” (16)
 - c. “You will be hated by everyone” (22)
 - d. “I did not come to bring peace, but a sword” (34)
 - e. “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (38)

Chapter 11

1. 11:1-19 – King Herod had put John the Baptist in prison. This led John to wonder if Jesus really was the promised Savior. He sends his disciples to ask Jesus. Jesus replies by quoting Isaiah 61:1. Jesus then praises John
2. 11:20-24 – Jesus did most of his miracles in Galilee, in towns like Bethsaida and Chorazin. But the people in those towns refused to see that they were sinners

who needed a Savior. Jesus says that it will be worse for them on Judgment Day than for the sinners of Sodom and Gomorrah, the cities destroyed by God in Genesis 19

3. 11:25-30 – God reveals the truth to those who have the humble faith of little children
4. 11:28-30 – “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest...rest for your souls”

Chapter 12

1. 12:1-14 – In the Old Testament, the LORD told his people to rest on the Sabbath Day, Saturday. He intended the Sabbath Day to be a *blessing* for his people; a time to be together as family, to hear God’s Word and to pray. The “Pharisees” (2) had turned God’s law into a *curse* for the people, by adding more rules to their lives. Jesus, the “Lord of the Sabbath” (8) makes the Sabbath Day a blessing once again
2. 12:15-21 – Jesus heals more, fulfilling the Old Testament prophet Isaiah’s words from Isaiah 42:1-4. But the people are becoming more interested in seeing Jesus’ miracles than hearing Jesus’ words
3. 12:22-37 – Jesus drives out a demon from another individual. The Pharisees say that Jesus is doing this because he is the “prince of demons” (24). Jesus shows how foolish such an accusation is. Then he warns his listeners about “blasphemy against the [Holy] Spirit” (31). Blasphemy against the Spirit is refusing to believe what the Holy Spirit says in the God’s Word. If people reject the Holy Spirit in this way, they are rejecting the forgiveness that it offers
4. 12:38-45 – The Jews demand a sign to show that Jesus is speaking the truth. He says that the sign is the sign of Jonah, that he (Jesus) will die and rise again after three days just as Jonah came out of the great fish after three days
5. 12:46-50 – Those who hear and believe Jesus’ words are his heavenly family members

Matthew 13

1. The “kingdom parables” of Chapter 13 is the third great sermon in Matthew. They show how God works.
2. 13:1-23 – The Parable of the Sower teaches that God’s Word is spoken to many, but few believe and are saved
3. 13:24-30 & 36-43 – The Parable of the Weeds teaches that believers and unbelievers live next to each other in this world, but on Judgment Day they will be separated
4. 13:31-35 – The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast teach us that God’s Church will grow
5. 13:44-46 – The Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl remind us that being a child of God is the most important thing in life
6. 13:47-52 – The Parable of the Net again teaches us that God will judge all on the last day
7. 13:53-58 – Many still refuse to accept Jesus

Matthew 14

1. 14:1-12 – We hear the weird story of how the wicked King Herod killed John the Baptist
2. 14:13-21 – Jesus feeds 5,000+ people with a small amount of food, because he “had compassion on them” (14)
3. 14:22-34 – Jesus sends his disciples across the Sea of Galilee in a boat while he goes away to pray. A great storm arises and the disciples are afraid. Jesus then appears to them walking on the water. The disciples are even more afraid. “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid” (27), Jesus tells them...and us in the storms of our life. Peter walks on the water but doubts overtake him. He begins to sink. “Immediately” (31, also in 27) Jesus saves him and them. The disciples finally shout out, “Truly you are the Son of God” (33). And when they land, many people race to Jesus with their sick friends and relatives