

# Outline

## Further rejection of Jesus and John (13:53 – 14:12)

- Jesus rejected in his hometown of Nazareth (13:53-58)
  - Rejection because of subverted expectations
- The death of John the Baptist and Herod's fear of Jesus (14:1-12)
  - Rejection because of exposed sin

## Jesus withdraws (14:13-36)

- The feeding of the 5000 (14:13-21)
  - Despite withdrawing to a desolate place, Jesus, as before continues to meet the needs of the crowd.
- Jesus walks on the water (14:22-33)
  - The disciples are sent out on their own, but the Lord meets them. It is easy to see a figure of their future service in this. Notice their profession, in contrast to the rejection by others.
- The healing ministry in Gennesaret (14:34-36)
  - Another summary statement from Matthew. Jesus healing ministry continues. But notice that teaching is no longer mentioned. This fits with chapter 13 that Jesus' rejection leads him to withhold truth from those who will not receive it.

## Jesus challenges the Pharisees and turns to Gentiles (15:1 – 16:12)

- Jesus challenges the traditions of the Pharisees (15:1-20)
  - Jesus directly challenges the "oral torah" of the Pharisees and gives an example of how it contradicts the 5th commandment. The "oral torah" allowed for people to set aside money to be given to the temple on their death, which was then protected from all but personal use during their life, but this was used as a loophole to say they had no money available to support their parents.
  - Jesus again, following the sermon on the mount, brings out the spirit, rather than the letter of the law. He takes us beyond the legalistic outward expression of old testament law, to the inner spiritual and moral truths.
  
- The Faith of a Canaanite woman (15:21-28)
  
- Feeding the 4000 (15:29-39)
  - "Jesus repeats for Gentiles what he previously offered to Jews"
  - Note the expression "praised the God of Israel". This combined with the location, and the different word used for "basket" all point to this being a miracle for gentiles.
  
- The Pharisees demand a sign (16:1-4)
  - Following the sermon on the mysteries, Jesus veils the truths from those who will not receive.
  
- Jesus warns his disciples about the Pharisees (16:5-12)
  - Even though the disciples have received Christ, they too are slow to understand. But Jesus will graciously illuminate their understanding, unlike the Pharisees.