

Who is Jesus?

Matthew 15:29-16:20

- I. Prayer

- II. The Ministry of Jesus
 - A. Feeding Miracles, compared

Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 15:29-38
People: 5,000 +	People: 4,000 +
Multiple healings (13-14)	Multiple healings (29-31)
In remote area	On mountainside area
Compassion: Sick	Compassion: Hungry
Disciples initiate food concern, Jesus prompts to have them give, they do not have enough, Jesus takes, gives thanks, disciples distribute – 12 basketfuls leftover.	Jesus initiates food concern, disciples, despite previous miracle, don't think they can. Jesus takes food, gives thanks, disciples distribute – 7 basketfuls leftover.

Echoes of Exodus 16 (specifically verses 15-18)

- B. Filled with compassion for all manner of human needs

- III. The Sign of Jonah, again
 - A. Comparison

Matthew 12:38-42	Matthew 15:39-16:4
Infer a negative intent	Open negative intent
Pharisees	Pharisees and Sadducees
No mention of heaven/sky and/or times	Strong emphasis on how they can interpret the sky (heavens) but cannot interpret the times.

- B. Mounting opposition.

- C. The heart of the problem

- IV. Disciples, bread, and leaven
 - A. Jesus' charge – Be on guard

 - B. We forgot to bring bread?

 - C. Be on guard

- V. Caesarea Philippi
 - A. At a Distance

 - B. Who is Jesus?

- VI. Prayer