

## Week 5 | Matt 14:1 – 17:13

### Day One

Pray + Read Matthew 14:1-14:21

Would you describe John the Baptist as courageous?

How would you feel if you were Jesus - learning of John the Baptist's death?

Do you think you would commit your whole day to learning about Jesus as the crowds did or giving your life for Jesus' commands as John did?

Prayer: Ask for faith and courage in situations where being a Christian is worse than not following Christ. Thank God that this world isn't the end and we are rewarded (not saved!) according to what we do. Praise God that He cares for and provides for everyone.

### Day Two

Pray + Read Matthew 14:22-36

How would you feel if you were in the disciple's situation?

Do you think it's ok to doubt? What do you think Jesus refers to when He says, "why did you doubt"?

Do you think Peter was foolish to walk out on the water with Jesus?

The people saw this event as reason to call Jesus as the Son of God? What reason do you give?

Prayer: Thank God that He is patient and ask God to provide clarity in doubt. Praise God that He has given us plenty of reason to call Jesus the Son of God

## Day Three

Pray + Read Matthew 15

How does Jesus use the examples of ceremonially unclean food to demonstrate how worshipping God is more important than making rules to try to make it look like you are holy to everyone around you?

Describe how the Canaanite woman is faithful in verses 21-28.3. How does Jesus feel when He looks upon the crowd and what is His response?

How will you emulate this response when you see what Jesus sees? (We're not expecting you to perform a miracle btw)

Prayer: Praise God that He sent Jesus down to model compassion that wasn't shown or prevalent in the religious society. Ask God for compassion in all aspects of your life. Thank God for how He desires faith, not works.

## Day Four

Pray + Read Matthew 16

How does Jesus walk the disciples through understanding of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

How did Simon Peter know that Jesus was the Son of the living God?

What do you think motivates Peter in the next scene to rebuke Jesus?

What does Jesus teach about the value of your life verses your soul? What is your response to this teaching?

Prayer: Ask God for pure motivations when we talk about Jesus, and that we aren't clouded by selfish motivations over what God intends. Praise God for

new life in Christ. Thank God that even though we are fickle and easily change our opinion, God is constant and unchanging.

## Day Five

Pray + Read Matthew 17:1-13

How is the glory of the Son shown in the transfiguration?

How is Jesus shown to use his power?

How does this part of Jesus' life show his divine nature alongside his human nature?

What will you do today to ensure you remember Jesus is God as well as Saviour?

Prayer: Read Psalm 2. Reflect on the kingship of Jesus and what it means to be God. Thank God that Jesus is man so he can represent us and God so he can be perfect. Praise God that he is wise and just in offering salvation without compromising His perfect character.