

[The Global Christ-based Headquarters:](#)

Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

"These are unedited quick-notes posted daily. We apologize for any grammatical or spelling errors"

--You'll find the formatting change as the commentary moves beyond 1/2014--

Did you find this useful? Contribute to reaching millions for Christ at <http://cbaltarplace.org>

Matthew

C12 Vss 1-50. The Sabbath was not a religious observance day, it was a day designed for man's health and well being (3-8). Jesus affirms this position by healing on the Sabbath (11-13).

Jesus flees knowing there plans ahead of time. This is an excellent example that believers need to avoid dangers to keep their mission alive. He did not deny who He was. Eventually the time does come when He would give Himself (15).

Matthew points out Jesus' fulfillment of prophecy in Isaiah. Some reference to Matthew as the door from the Old Testament to the New Testament. He'll not fight or shout. He'll crush the weakest reed.

Jesus is accused of operating for Satan since He cast out demons. There is at least three principles here: 1. Anyone thinking Satan did not have authority over demons should reconsider. Jesus' response is clear that Satan and demons are on the same team or in the same camp. Jesus' response is that what the Pharisees said is faulty. Satan would not exorcise demons, it would be fighting against himself (25-27). 2. Jesus proves Himself to be more powerful than Satan's authority (28-29). 3. Jesus was operations as a man under the operation of the Holy Spirit. The most reprehensible unforgivable sin is to deny the works of the Holy Spirit. Even if one does not believe the Son of Man (Jesus), to deny what He was doing was simply unforgivable. This is what some call the unpardonable sin. It's a established denial of the works of God (29-32).

Jesus speaks of the heart condition or motives. Motives create actions (34-35).

This is one of the most overlooked, abused principles of Scripture. "Only an evil adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign." People are gullible sign magnets. Comparably, God's word is more important. If there is ever an experience in the life of Jesus expressing this point this is it (39-40). Overcoming death in three days is the sign if

“Investing in People for Eternity”

signs.

Jesus explains the activity of evil spirits like rodents. They return to their previous host. The host must be prepared and never allow them (43-45).

Here Jesus identifies his true brothers and sisters. Anyone doing the will of His Father. Mary was His earthly mother. But she is not the mother of God, which is a preposterous statement no matter how it is explained (48-49).

C13 This chapter begins with Jesus revealing four types of followers. He disclosed these to a huge crowd. He knew everyone following Him was not with Him. They are: Wayside or footpath, shallow or stoned, thorns and thistles, and good ground. He explains all four to His disciples. Three of four are non-producers an impossibility when God's word is in the heart. These three are church-goers. But the fourth produces (18-23).

Following the four types of hearers, Jesus tells a cautionary parable to allow the four to grow together. The wheat and tare are so close in comparison it is often difficult to tell them apart. However, when the tare distinguishes themselves by their conduct, they can be removed (see Matt 18:15-18).

The sphere or presence within of Kingdom of a Heaven is so valuable, it's worth giving everything else away. It is an eternal reality as opposed to all if the temporary surroundings. It has its own eternal esteem.

The fish net parable is more evidence that there is a hell. As shared before, and in this case good fish are separated from wicked fish. Righteous people will be separated from the wicked (49-50).

Jesus is rejected in Nazareth His home town. The people refused to believe Him because He grew up around them. They knew His family. Their prior knowledge screened out anything he said or did. This is a human characteristic, and demonstrates why it is so important not to violate peoples thinking. When a leader falls as example, it creates an enduring image and thought pattern in the mind. People can forgive, but the imagery remains. While Jesus did not do anything wrong, He (Jesus) could not overcome the imagery in the peoples' mind of the carpenter's son. If Jesus experienced this difficulty everyone needs to stand and take notice (54-58).

C14 The Chapter begins with the death of John the great prophet . This should be enough of a testimony that believers give their lives literally. He was hated because of his indictment against Herod for marrying his brother's wife. He finally has the opportunity And there is no Cinderella reduce. John dies a martyr (3-12).

Once Jesus heard about John he launched out in a boat desiring to be alone, but the crowds followed. He fed thousands of them. He used the available resources. God says use the resources in your hands (16-21).

Again on the water the disciple were in trouble. They could see What they thought was a

“Investing in People for Eternity”

spirit. Again, the mind screens out what it is seeing and only allows what is believable or logical. We all have and need this filtering. But it was Jesus! They all have an opportunity to do the same but only Peter is able to leverage the opportunity. And asking Jesus, Peter walked on the water. But he did not exercise the principles of faith. He needed to know faith meets opposition and not be dismayed by counter-faith activities. The wind picked up and down he went. Faith requires investment from beginning of the faith episode to the ending. He called out when he began drowning. "Save me!" Jesus saves again and again (26-30). Beginning as mere followers and seeing all Jesus said and did, they worshipped Him (32)

Arriving in Gennesaret the news spreads that He's there. Just touching the end of His garment people were healed.

C15 The characteristic of the religious is their majoring in minorities. They were concerned about hand washing before they ate. While they omitted the greater issues: honoring parents. God is more concerned with obedience to His word as opposed as our personal traditions. Jesus called them hypocrites! The disciples were concerned about the Pharisees being offended.

Jesus said ignore them! This is a word to each person doing the will of God. Calling them blind guides. This is said considering His words saying not to judge others. He clearly judged and judged righteously. What he said was accurate and deserved. Jesus is concerned about bias judgment and judgment without personal accountability (5-7).

It's not what goes in that defiles (spiritually). Clearly spoiled food can make a person sick. But Jesus was more concerned with the condition of a person's spiritual heart. Words represent the heart (spiritual heart). It is the seat of all sins (16-19). These defile in a far greater way than spoiled or corrupted food.

A gentile woman cries for her daughter, she humbled herself completely before Jesus. It didn't matter that she was a gentile. She stayed before Him. Her plea was answered (21-28).

“Investing in People for Eternity”