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#### [Matthew 15](#)

1. Jewish tradition versus God's law ([Matt. 15:1-9](#))
  - a. Jesus appealed to Old Testament commandments ([Matt. 15:4](#))
    - i. Honor thy father and mother ([Ex. 20:12](#); [Deut. 5:16](#))
    - ii. He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death ([Ex. 21:17](#); [Lev. 20:9](#))
  - b. Quoted from [Isa. 29:13](#) in correctly identifying their placing man's law above God's law making their worship void
2. What proceeds out of the mouth defiles a person ([Matt. 15:10-20](#))
  - a. What goes into our heart matters
  - b. What comes **out** of our mouth reveals what is **in** our heart (cf. [Matt. 12:34-37](#); [Luke 6:45-46](#))
3. God will root up every false plant ([Matt. 15:13](#))
  - a. God's Word is likened to a seed (cf. [Luke 8:11](#); [James 1:21](#) "engrafted" or "implanted")
  - b. False plants come from false teaching i.e., man's doctrine (cf. [Matt. 15:8-9](#))
4. Fourth reference to Jesus being called the son of David ([Matt. 15:22](#))
  - a. She is a Gentile and acknowledges this fact ([Mark 7:26](#))

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- b. First time ([Matt. 1:1](#))
  - c. Second time ([Matt. 9:27](#))
  - d. Third time ([Matt. 12:23](#))
5. Jesus fed 4,000 men ([Matt. 15:29-39](#))
- a. Separate event from the feeding of the 5,000 men (cf. [Matt. 14:13-21](#), [16:9-10](#))

### **Matthew 16**

1. Pharisees and Sadducees sought a sign ([Matt. 16:1-4](#))
  - a. Jesus used the Old Testament example of Jonah as He did in [Matt. 12:39-40](#)
2. Kingdom of heaven (the church) prophesied by Jesus ([Matt. 16:13-20](#))
  - a. The church is founded upon the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God ([Matt. 16:16](#))
  - b. The church ([Matt. 16:18](#)) linked with the kingdom of heaven ([Matt. 16:19](#))
  - c. This kingdom would come into existence before some of those disciples would die ([Matt. 16:28](#); see [Mark 9:1](#))
    - i. Consistent with John's message ([Matt. 3:1-2](#))
    - ii. Consistent with Jesus' message ([Matt. 4:17](#))
3. One soul is worth more than the entire world ([Matt. 16:24-26](#))
  - a. Every single person is valuable
  - b. Christ died for everyone (cf. [2 Cor. 5:14-15](#); [1 John 2:1-2](#))
  - c. God wants everyone to be saved ([1 Tim. 2:3-4](#))

### **Matthew 17**

1. Transfiguration of Jesus ([Matt. 17:1-13](#))
  - a. Two Old Testament figures are present: Moses and Elijah
    - i. Moses represented the law (cf. [John 1:17](#), [7:19](#), [23](#))
    - ii. Elijah represented the prophets (cf. [1 Kings 18:21-22](#))

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- iii. Three times “the law and the prophets” are referenced in Matthew ([Matt. 7:12](#), [11:13](#), [22:40](#))
  - b. Peter’s request to make three tabernacles, one for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus was interrupted by the Father indicating Jesus was to be listened to now ([Matt. 17:5](#))
    - i. Peter’s request was akin to modern day denominationalism as the tabernacle was the place of worship (cf. [Ex. 33:7-10](#), [40:1-38](#); [Heb. 9:1-14](#))
    - ii. God was transitioning the people to the New Covenant
  - c. The disciples referenced Old Testament prophecy regarding Elijah ([Matt. 17:10-13](#))
    - i. Prophecy referenced is [Mal. 4:5-6](#) which finds its fulfillment in John the immerser ([Matt. 17:13](#))
2. The remainder of this chapter proves that Jesus is the Son of God whether by miracle, prophecy, or teaching

### Matthew 18

1. The phrase “kingdom of heaven” is used four times in this chapter ([Matt. 18:1](#), [3-4](#), [23](#))
2. The necessity of “being converted” is demonstrated for entering into the kingdom of heaven ([Matt. 18:3](#))
  - a. To be converted is “to turn” and is accomplished by obeying the Gospel ([Acts 3:19](#), [2:38](#); [John 3:3-5](#))
  - b. It requires humility ([Matt. 18:4](#))
3. Christ touched again on the doctrine of hell ([Matt. 18:8-9](#))
  - a. Of the twelve times *geenna* (G1067 - translated as “hell”) is used in the New Testament, Jesus used it eleven times
  - b. It is not the will of God that one be lost but He gives us the ability to choose ([Matt. 18:14](#); see [1 Tim. 2:3-4](#))
  - c. It is up to us to make the **correct** choice
4. Jesus taught on how to handle faults between brethren ([Matt. 18:15-20](#))
  - a. [Matt. 18:18](#) is very similar to [Matt. 16:19](#)
5. Instruction on forgiveness which is a function of mercy ([Matt. 18:21-35](#))
  - a. 10,000 talents (in gold) = about \$12.08 billion

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- b. 100 pence (denarii) = about \$800

### Matthew 19

1. Pharisees tempted Jesus regarding divorce ([Matt. 19:1-9](#))
  - a. Jesus used the Old Testament to refute their thinking ([Matt. 19:4-6](#))
  - b. “at the beginning” ([Gen. 1:26-27](#))
    - i. The beginning of the creation of man
    - ii. Refutes evolution and theistic evolution
  - c. Consider the relationship of Christ and the church ([Eph. 5:22-33](#))
  - d. Institution of marriage is to be for life between one, eligible man and one, eligible woman ([Gen. 2:21-25](#))
  - e. Pharisees appealed to the Law of Moses ([Matt. 19:7](#); [Deut. 24:1-4](#))
    - i. It was due to the “hardness of your hearts”
2. Several more references to the “kingdom of heaven” ([Matt. 19:13-26](#))
  - a. “keep the commandments” a reference to the Law of Moses ([Matt. 19:17-19](#); See [Ex. 20:12-16](#); [Deut. 5:16-20](#))
3. Danger of trusting in riches ([Matt. 19:23-26](#))
  - a. Issue is not with riches but **trusting** in riches ([Mark 10:23-27](#))
  - b. Not money but the **love of money** is the root of all evil ([1 Tim. 6:9-11](#))
4. Great value in following Christ ([Matt. 19:27-30](#))

### Matthew 20

1. Parable of the householder ([Matt. 20:1-16](#))
  - a. “kingdom of heaven” i.e, the church ([Matt. 20:1](#))
  - b. Some obey the Gospel early in life ([Matt. 20:1-2](#))
  - c. Some obey the Gospel later in life ([Matt. 20:3-5](#))
  - d. Some obey the Gospel at the end of their life ([Matt. 20:6-7](#))
  - e. “Many be called, but few chosen” ([Matt. 20:16](#))

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- i. Our responsibility is to get the Gospel out to as many as possible
  - ii. Not everyone will obey
2. Prophecy regarding the betrayal, death, and resurrection of Jesus by Jesus ([Matt. 20:17-19](#))
  - a. Location is Jerusalem ([Matt. 20:18](#))
  - b. Betrayal to the chief priests and scribes ([Matt. 20:18](#))
  - c. Condemned to death, specifically crucifixion ([Matt. 20:18-19](#))
  - d. Mocking and scourging prophesied ([Matt. 20:19](#))
  - e. Resurrection on the third day from His death ([Matt. 20:19](#))
  - f. Look at all these details!
    - i. Every single one was fulfilled and will be detailed later on in this book
3. Misunderstanding of the nature of the kingdom ([Matt. 20:20-28](#))
  - a. Not an earthly kingdom! ([John 18:36](#))
  - b. Jesus emphasized the truly great in His kingdom are ministers and servants ([Matt. 20:25-28](#))
4. Fifth and sixth references to Jesus being called the son of David ([Matt. 20:30-31](#))
  - a. First time ([Matt. 1:1](#))
  - b. Second time ([Matt. 9:27](#))
  - c. Third time ([Matt. 12:23](#))
  - d. Fourth time ([Matt. 15:22](#))

## **Matthew 21**

1. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem fulfilled Old Testament prophecy ([Matt. 21:1-11](#); [Zech. 9:9](#))
2. Seventh and eighth references to Jesus being called the son of David ([Matt. 21:9](#), [15](#))
  - a. First time ([Matt. 1:1](#))
  - b. Second time ([Matt. 9:27](#))

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- c. Third time ([Matt. 12:23](#))
  - d. Fourth time ([Matt. 15:22](#))
  - e. Fifth and sixth times ([Matt. 20:30-31](#))
3. Jesus called a prophet ([Matt. 21:11](#), [46](#))
- a. This fulfilled Old Testament prophecy ([Deut. 18:15](#), [18](#))
4. Jesus referenced the Old Testament several times in this chapter
- a. [Matt. 21:13](#) references [Isa. 56:7](#) & [Jer. 7:11](#)
  - b. [Matt. 21:16](#) references [Psalm 8:2](#) (quoted from LXX)
    - i. “Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou perfected praise, because of thine enemies; that thou mightest put down the enemy and avenger.” (*Brenton, L. C. L. (1870). The Septuagint Version of the Old Testament: English Translation (Ps 8:2). London: Samuel Bagster and Sons.*)
  - c. [Matt. 21:42](#) references [Psalm 118:22-23](#)
5. Hosanna means “save, we pray” in Hebrew
- a. Remember what the name “Jesus” means? ([Matt. 1:21](#))
    - i. Jehovah is [his] salvation
6. "kingdom of God" ([Matt. 21:31](#), [43](#))
- a. Synonymous with the “kingdom of heaven”