

The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Twenty-three -- Matthew 15:39; 16:1-28; Mark 8:10-38; 9:1; Luke 9:18-27

Summary of Lesson

After feeding the 4,000 people Jesus sent the multitude away, and entered a ship to go to Magadala (Magadan and Dalmanutha and Magdala are all different names for the same general location -- a place on the western shore of the sea of Galilee). While here the Pharisees and Saducees approached Jesus, demanding a sign, only to be rebuked by Jesus. Jesus then warned His disciples against the leaven of the Pharisees. They then left that area, going through Bethsaida where Jesus restored the sight of blind man, and then on to Caesarea Philippi (be sure to look this up on your maps) where Peter made his great confession, following which Jesus spoke to His disciples about His coming and death, to which Peter responded in such a way as to make it necessary for Jesus to rebuke him. Jesus then spoke with His disciples about the worth of a man's soul and the coming of the kingdom.

Matthew 15:39

{39} And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala.

Matthew 16:1-28

{1} Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. {2} He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; {3} "and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. {4} "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed. {5} Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. {6} Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." {7} And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread." {8} But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? {9} "Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? {10} "Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? {11} "How is

it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread; but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." {12} Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees. {13} When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" {14} So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." {15} He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" {16} Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." {17} Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. {18} "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. {19} "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." {20} Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. {21} From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. {22} Then Peter took Him

aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" {23} But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." {24} Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. {25} "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. {26} "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? {27} "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. {28} "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Mark 8:10-38

{10} immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

{11} Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. {12} But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation." {13} And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side. {14} Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. {15} Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." {16} And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread." {17} But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? {18} "Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? {19} "When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" They said to Him, "Twelve." {20} "Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you

take up?" And they said, "Seven." {21} So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?" {22} Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. {23} So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. {24} And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." {25} Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. {26} Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town." {27} Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" {28} So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." {29} He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." {30} Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. {31} And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. {32} He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. {33} But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." {34} When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. {35} "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. {36} "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? {37} "Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? {38} "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Mark 9:1

{1} And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Luke 9:18-27

{18} And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" {19} So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again." {20} He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." {21} And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, {22} saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." {23} Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. {24} "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. {25} "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? {26} "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. {27} "But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

Questions on Lesson Twenty-three

1. What shall accompany the coming of the kingdom?
2. "If any _____ will _____ after me, let him _____ himself, and take up his _____ and _____ me."
3. Where were Jesus and His disciples when Peter made His great confession?
4. Jesus promised that what would happen during the lifetime of some of His disciples?
5. Where was Jesus when the Sadducees and Pharisees came to Him seeking a sign?
6. What was peculiar about the restoration of the blind man's sight?
7. In giving Peter the keys of the kingdom, what power did Jesus give to him?
8. According to Christ, what is a poor bargain (to lose all)?
9. What sign did Jesus say indicated fair weather?
10. From where had Peter not received His knowledge that Jesus was the Son of God?
11. Where did Jesus restore the sight of a blind man?
12. Whom did men say Jesus was?
13. Whom did Jesus say would be responsible for His suffering in Jerusalem?
14. What sign shall be given unto Jesus' generation?
15. According to what shall men be rewarded?
16. Concerning what did Jesus warn the disciples?
17. What of the man who is ashamed of Jesus?
18. How did Jesus come to Dalmanutha?