

The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Twenty-two - Matt. 15:1-38; Mark?: 1-37; 8:1-9; John 7:1

Summary of Lesson

In our last lesson Jesus finished a strong discourse (on the "bread of life"), in which he dealt with the spiritual nature of His work and of the coming kingdom. This caused many of His followers to forsake Him. In this lesson we begin the study of the fifth period of Jesus' life, which we call "The Period of Retirement," which occurred in the third year of His ministry. After Jesus finished His lesson on the bread of life in the synagogue at Capernaum there came to Him some scribes and Pharisees from Jerusalem questioning Him about Jewish traditions. Jesus reproved them sharply for having allowed their traditions to replace the word of God. Afterwards, Matthew tells us that Jesus then went from Capernaum over to Phoenicia (Tyre and Sidon), where He cast a demon out of the daughter of a woman of Canaan. He then left and went across to the other side of Galilee, and came to Decapolis where He performed many miracles, one of which was the restoration of speech and hearing to a dumb and deaf man. As everywhere, a multitude assembled around Him here also, and He again performed another great miracle by feeding a multitude of 4,000 people with seven loaves and a few fishes.

John 7:1

{1} After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

Matthew 15:1-38

{1} Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, {2} "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." {3} He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? {4} "For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' {5} "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"; {6} 'then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. {7} "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: {8} 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. {9} And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'" {10} When He had

called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand: {11} "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." {12} Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" {13} But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. {14} "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." {15} Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." {16} So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? {17} "Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? {18} "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. {19} "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. {20} "These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

{21} Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. {22} And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." {23} But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

{24} But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." {25} Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" {26} But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." {27} And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." {28} Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. {29} Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. {30} Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. {31} So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. {32} Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." {33} Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?" {34} Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish." {35} So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. {36} And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. {37} So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. {38} Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

Mark 7:1-37

{1} Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. {2} Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. {3} For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way,

holding the tradition of the elders. {4} When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. {5} Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" {6} He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. {7} And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' {8} "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men; the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." {9} He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. {10} "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' {11} "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"; ' (that is, a gift to God), {12} "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, {13} "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do." {14} When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: {15} "There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. {16} "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!" {17} When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. {18} So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, {19} "because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?" {20} And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. {21} "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, {22} "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. {23} "All these evil things come from within and defile a man." {24} From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but

He could not be hidden. {25} For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. {26} The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. {27} But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." {28} And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs." {29} Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter." {30} And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed. {31} Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. {32} Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. {33} And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. {34} Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." {35} Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

{36} Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. {37} And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Mark 8:1-9

{1} In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, {2} "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. {3} "And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar." {4} Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?" {5} He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven." {6} So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. {7} They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them. {8} So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. {9} Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away,

Questions On Lesson Twenty-two

1. What defiles a man, according to Jesus?
2. Even though Jesus said that He had been sent unto the lost sheep of Israel, why did He cast the demon out of the daughter of the woman?
3. What word did Jesus speak in healing the deaf and dumb man in Decapolis?
4. Why was Jesus unable to leave Galilee to go to Judea to attend the Passover?
5. How long had the multitude in Decapolis stayed with Jesus when He fed them?
6. Where did the woman out of whose daughter Jesus cast a demon live?
7. How did Jesus explain the fact that the Jews were guilty of transgressing the commandment of God?
8. What is the meaning of "Corban"?
9. What is the source of those things which come out of the mouth?
10. Who prophesied that the Jews would worship God in vain?
11. How many basketsful remained after Jesus fed the 4,000?
12. What did the disciples of Jesus want Him to do with the woman whose daughter was possessed with a demon?
13. What was the result of the miracles Jesus performed at Decapolis (in a mountain nigh unto the sea of Galilee)?
14. What was the nationality of the woman out of whose daughter Jesus cast a demon?
15. What shall happen to every plant which the Father has not planted?
16. Who came to Jesus from Jerusalem while He was still in Capernaum?
17. What did Jesus do before He broke the seven loaves and distributed them and the fishes to the multitude?
18. Why was the worship of these Jews in vain?
19. What happens when the blind attempt to lead the blind?
20. How had the Jews made the word of God of none effect?
21. What tradition of the elders had the disciples of Christ violated