

/We will now begin the eleventh lecture on Matthew. /We will begin from Matthew 13:44.

/Read 13:44./ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

/This passage is about the parable of the treasure./ A man found treasure hidden in a field./ He sold all that he had and bought the field./ He made the treasure his own.

/The "treasure" symbolizes the born-again life./ It is the new life./ God gave us precious faith./ He gave us precious salvation./ 2 Peter 1:4 /1 Peter 2:4

/This means that we have been saved by the grace of God./ Here, a man sold all he had./ This means that he sacrificed everything that he had./ He knew that the treasure was valuable.

/He knew that life was precious./ For that reason, Abraham left his country, people and father's household./ He left his country, people and father's household./ Moses refused to be called the son of the daughter of Pharaoh.

/Moses walked down the road of suffering along with God's people./ Hebrews 11:24/ What does it mean to buy the field?/ It means to make eternal life one's own./ It is also letting go of what is precious to us.

/It means to give up one's wealth, honor, country, people, and father's household./ Isaiah 55:1/ 1 Corinthians 3:21/ We must use everything in our environment for our faith./ We must take advantage of our bodies and environments.

/We should use our time and money for faith./ We must sacrifice worldly, material, and fleshly desires./ We must make spiritual and eternal things our possessions.

/Verses 45-46./ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

/This is the parable of the pearl./ Here, "pearl" is the truth./ It is the will of God./ However, we have to seek this pearl./ We have to find the truth./ We need to work hard to find God's will.

/Luther realized the truth that we are saved by faith./ The Queen of Sheba came to King Solomon and learned the truth./ The Magi came from far away to receive Jesus.

/They sacrificed many things to receive the truth. / What is the difference between the parable of the treasure and the parable of the pearl?/ We received the treasure by the grace of God without a price./ We stumbled upon it by chance.

/However, the pearl represents the truth, and we will find it if we diligently search for it./ We must also recognize the truth as the truth./ There are people who know the value of the pearl.

/Today, there are people who know the value of the truth./ They come from far places to find the

truth./ Some people walk or ride bicycles to worship even when the church is far from their homes./ These are sacrifices made to receive the truth.

/Verse 47./ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.

/There is also the parable of the net./ The generation of the church in the New Testament times is like catching many fish by casting nets./ However, there are good fish and bad fish./ "Good fish" here are true believers./ "Bad fish" are unbelievers.

/God judges the wicked at the time of judgment./ The Lord takes the believers to heaven./ However, God throws unbelievers into the furnace of fire./ The wicked cannot stand before God./ The evil will perish.

/Verse 51./ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied.

/Jesus asked the disciples if they understood all these things.

/Verse 52./ He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

/Here, "new treasures" symbolize the work of life./ It is a newly realized truth through the work of salvation./ It is realized truth./ Revelation 14:3/ Here, the "old" symbolizes the truth that was known of in the past.

/Also, "new treasures" refer to the new commandments./ The "old" refers to old commandments./ The "storeroom" refers to the Old and New Testaments./ John 21:25/ We must teach the correct truth.

/We must testify to the truth that we have known in the past,/ and testify to the new truth./ Our spirits must become renewed and discover the new truth, and we must testify to the new truth.

/Verses 53-54. /When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked.

/Jesus went to His hometown and began to teach./ The people in Jesus' hometown did not believe in Jesus./ This was because they saw Jesus as in the flesh.

/Verse 55. /"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?

/They knew too well of Jesus' physical characteristics./ They knew Jesus' parents./ They also knew the brothers of Jesus.

/Because they knew well of Jesus' physical aspects, they did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God./ Prophets are not accepted in their hometowns./ This is because people only see the physical characteristics of prophets and hence, they do not accept prophets.

/We must look at the spiritual characteristics of prophets./ We must see how God uses them and we must follow them./ If we accept prophets, then we will receive a prophet's reward.

/In the same way, the people from Jesus' hometown did not believe in Jesus and rejected Him./ This was foolishness.

/Verse 58. /And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

/The Lord did not perform miracles before those who did not have faith./ This was because they would reject Jesus when He testified to the truth.

/We will now continue with the lecture on Matthew chapter 14./ The title of the chapter is, "The Five Thousand."

/First, Herod's evil deed and John the Baptist martyred./ Verses 1-12./ Second, five loaves of bread and two fish./ Verses 13-21./ Third, Jesus walks on water./ Verses 22-23./ Fourth, Jesus heals the sick./ Verses 34-36.

/Read verses 1-2. /At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus, and he said to his attendants, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

/Here, the tetrarch was a king who had been appointed by the emperor of Rome./ The tetrarch was the son of Herod the Great./ His name was Herod Antipas./ He governed the regions of Galilee and Berea.

/He governed from 4 BC to AD 39./ This king killed John the Baptist./ Thus, he felt guilty.

/He was anxious./ He felt great fear since he committed a sin./ Herod thought, "Jesus is John the Baptist risen from the dead. "

/Verses 3-4. /Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her."

/Herodias was the granddaughter of Herod the Great./ She first married Philip I./ Then she got a divorce./ After that she married Herod Antipas./ Herod Antipas was Philip's older brother.

/Herod Antipas was the older brother of Philip I./ However, Herodias divorced Philip I and was living with his older brother./ Herodias married and divorced Philip I, and then got remarried to Antipas.

/Philip 1 and Antipas were brothers./ Therefore, Herodias was an indecent woman./ Her actions were unethical./ Therefore, John the Baptist reproached Herodias and King Antipas.

/Hence, Herod Antipas threw John the Baptist in prison and killed him./ Here it tells us how John the Baptist was killed.

/Verse 5. /Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered him a prophet.

/Herod attempted to kill John the Baptist./ However, the people considered John the Baptist to be a prophet./ Herod Antipas was afraid of the people.

/Verse 6. /On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for them and pleased Herod so much

/Herodias' daughter danced on Herod's birthday./ Her name was Salome./ She is the daughter of Herodias and Philip I.

/Verse 7. /that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.

/Antipas was pleased after seeing Salome dance./ He promised to give her whatever she asked for./ Mark 6:23/ Herod made a mistake with his words./ He made the mistake of making an oath.

/He was not allowed to give a portion of the nation to anyone./ He first needed to get permission from the emperor of Rome.

/Verse 8. /Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

/Salome asked her mother, Herodias./ Herodias told her daughter to ask for the head of John the Baptist./ Even though Salome was a little girl, behind her was an evil mother./ Satan worked behind them.

/Verse 9. /The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted

/Herod was distressed./ However, because of his oath and reputation, he ordered that John the Baptist be killed./ Herod was wrong in his actions./ He should have thought about God's will and should not have killed John the Baptist.

/No one is to kill the servant of God even if one loses his honor and dignity./ Herod thought more about himself than the will of God./ We believers must think about God's work more than our personal benefits.

/Verses 10-11. /and had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother.

/John the Baptist died a martyr./ John will receive a great reward in heaven./ John the Baptist rebuked King Herod directly./ He rebuked the immorality of Herod.

/John the Baptist died a martyr as he boldly reproached the king./ He was killed obeying the Word of God./ Martyrs receive the greatest blessings./ 2 Corinthians 5:4

/Verse 12. /John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

/John the Baptist's disciples buried him.

/Verses 13-14. /When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

/Jesus went through many towns and healed many diseases./ Jesus proclaimed the gospel.

/Verse 15. /As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

/Many people followed Jesus./ They learned the teachings of Jesus./ Then it was time for dinner./ Most people had already eaten the food they brought./ Now they were hungry.

/Verses 16-17. /Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

/Jesus said, "You give them something to eat."/ This meant that the disciples were to solve the problem that they faced./ This meant that they should not rely on others./ They were to take whatever they had and work with it.

/God gave everyone spiritual gifts./ We are to work hard with what God gave us./ Also, there is something God gave us./ It may be small but it is still from God.

/At that moment the disciples replied, "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish."/ "Five loaves of bread and two fish" is a very small amount./ However, God's great work took place when Jesus dedicated it to God./ John 6:9

/God works miracles when we dedicate even the smallest things to God./ Five loaves of bread and two fish are not even enough for one person.

/God fed thousands of people when it was dedicated to God./ Mark 6:10/ Like this, it is important that we offer what we have to God, even if it may be little./ It is important to obey when we are told to dedicate to the Lord.

/Verses 20-21. /They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of

broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

/Thus, many ate and were full./ There were five thousand men./ There were over ten thousand people including women and children./ The disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

/In this way, God will bless us when we dedicate ourselves to God./ The disciples were told not to throw away the leftovers./ What God gives is still valuable even though it may be just small pieces.

/There is a spiritual lesson to be learned./ Jesus is our bread of life./ God will save our bodies when we follow his Word./ Matthew 6:33/ We must seek first His kingdom and righteousness.

/When Elijah trusted in God, the ravens brought him food./ He also survived a famine at the home of the widow of Zarephath./ We do not live by bread alone.

/We live by the Word of God./ If we feed our spirits through God's Word, he will also give us food for our bodies./ Thus, Jesus gives us life.

/There are several lessons here./ Jesus said, "You give them something to eat."/ This means that we must not rely on other people, but work with what we have./ Also, God will work when we dedicate the little things to him.

/Then God will save lots of lives through it./ You and other people will be saved when you dedicate the littlest things to the Lord./ Jesus is also our bread of life.

/The Lord is our bread of life./ Our physical lives will be saved when our spirits live by the Word of God.

/Verses 22-24. /Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

/Jesus fed five thousand men with five loaves of bread and two fish./ Thus, the people tried to forcefully make Jesus a king./ John 6:15/ They wanted to make Jesus a worldly king.

/They thought that Jesus could solve economical problems in the world./ This was a big temptation to Jesus./ Thus, Jesus went to the mountains and prayed to overcome this temptation.

/Jesus made the disciples go to the other side of the lake./ The boat that the disciples took was buffeted by wind and waves./ The disciples encountered hardships./ The boat almost sank.

/At that time Jesus walked on water on the fourth watch of the night./ Jesus walked on water at

the fourth watch of the night./ The first watch of the night is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m./ The second watch is from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

/The third watch is from 12 a.m. to 3 a.m./ The fourth watch is from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m./ The disciples suffered throughout the night because of the buffeting waves./ At that time, Jesus walked on water.

/Jesus came to save the disciples./ Jesus saw the disciples have a hard time while He prayed on the mountain./ Jesus is the Son of God.

/The Lord is the omniscient God. /He is the omnipotent God. /The Lord knows everything. /He is Almighty Jesus who walked on water.

/Verse 26. /When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

/The disciples did not recognize Jesus./ They thought Jesus was a ghost./ Jesus came to save them./ Yet, the disciples thought Jesus was a ghost who had come to kill them.

/The disciples cried out in fear./ They did not have faith./ They did not believe in the omnipotence of the Lord. / They did not know that Jesus comes to us when we are in trouble.

/They did not even cry out to Jesus./ They did not cry out to Jesus./ They only tried to fight against the waters./ They tried to avoid difficulties with their own strength./ We must pray and cry out to Jesus in times of trouble.

/Verse 27. /But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

/Jesus said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."/ Our Lord comforts His people./ This is true peace from heaven./ John 14:27/ Our anxieties and worries disappear when we meet Jesus./ Jesus comes to save His disciples.

/Verses 28-29. /"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

/Here, Peter said, "Lord, if it is you."/ The word, "if," is not used in times of doubt./ It meant, "I believe Jesus is surely the Son of God."/ 2 Kings 1:10

/Peter asked, "tell me to come to you on the water."/ Anyone who believes can do the work of Jesus./ John 14:12/ Peter saw Jesus and walked on the water./ 1 John 5:4

/Peter overcame the world by the power of Jesus./ Peter walked on the water by the power of Jesus./ Then strong waves came, but that place was peaceful and was paradise because Peter believed in Jesus.

/That was the valley of the shadow of death./ However, when Jesus helped them, they were able

to win and walked forward on their own./ Even if we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we can win if the Lord is with us.

/Whether the place we live is a thatched cottage or a castle, if we have Jesus, that place can be paradise./ We must continue to keep our focus on Jesus./ We must seek Jesus./ Psalm 50:15/ Jeremiah 29:12-14/ We must look only towards Jesus.

/Verse 30. /But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

/Then Peter saw the waves and the wind./ He began to fear./ He began to doubt./ He worried about drowning./ Hence, he began to sink in the water.

/He doubted Jesus./ He doubted the power of Jesus./ He began to fear when he saw the waves./ We should not focus on the problem when we encounter troubles and hardships.

/We can overcome our difficulties if we focus on Jesus./ We will be anxious if we look at the difficulties./ We can overcome if we focus on the Lord in the midst of difficulties and strong waves.

/Peter probably tried swimming./ However, the waves were so strong that he began to sink./ He cried out, "Lord, save me!" because he thought he was going to die./ He cried out to Jesus.

/We should not use methods or ways in times of trouble./ There is no other way but to cry out to Jesus./ We can overcome through the power of Jesus even if we are drowning in the midst of high waves.

/Verse 31. /Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

/Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter./ Jesus saved Peter./ "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus rebuked him.

/Jesus is Savior./ Thus, Peter began to sink because he doubted Jesus./ He began to drown because he had little faith.

/Verses 32-33. /And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

/Jesus climbed into the boat./ Then the wind began to calm down./ The disciples worshiped Jesus./ They realized that Jesus is indeed the Son of God./ They saw the power of Jesus.

/Verses 34-36. /When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.



/Gennesaret is located west of the Sea of Galilee./ It is a plain located to the west./ Jesus healed the sick wherever He went./ People were healed when they touched the edge of Jesus' cloak./ They were healed by the power of Jesus.

/Jesus heals the sicknesses of our hearts that come from our sins./ He heals our physical illnesses.

/Our Jesus heals our physical and spiritual illnesses./ He is the doctor of all our sicknesses./ He is our Savior.

/Here we will conclude the eleventh lecture on the gospel of Matthew./ Thank you.