

/We will now begin the twelfth lecture on Matthew. /We will begin from chapter 15. /The title of chapter 15 is "The Four Thousand."

/First, the tradition of the elders and God's Word. /Verses 1-20. /Second, the faith of a poor woman. /Verses 21-28. /Third, Jesus heals all kinds of diseases. /Verses 29-31. /Fourth, Jesus feeds the four thousand. /Verses 32-39.

/Read verses 1-2. /Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!"

/The Pharisees and the teachers of the law questioned Jesus. /They said that Jesus' disciples did not wash their hands before they ate. /According to the tradition of the elders, the Jews were supposed to wash their hands before eating.

/Therefore, people washed their hands before they ate. /Mark 7:2-4 /Mark 7:2-4 /Therefore, they also diligently washed their cups and bowls. /The Pharisees criticized Jesus and His disciples for not keeping the tradition of the elders.

/Verse 3. /Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"

/Jesus said to the Pharisees, "why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?" /God's commandment is more important than human traditions.

/Verse 4. /For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.'

/The laws command us to honor our father and mother. /It says that if one rebels against his father and mother, he is to be put to death. /Exodus 21:17 /However, the Pharisees broke God's commandment. /Mark 7:11-12

/They said that what was owed to their parents could be given to God. /They said, "corban," and did not give to their parents. /This was the idea of corban.

/The corban is to give offerings to God, but not carry out one's duties to fellow men. /The Pharisees valued the teachings of man over God's Word. /We must do what is right in God's eyes. /We must properly honor our parents.

/The Pharisees put human tradition as first priority. /They were ritualistic and legalistic in their ways. /They went against God's Word.

/Verse 7. /You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

/Isaiah prophesied against hypocrites. /He said there would appear many hypocrites in the Last Days.

/Verses 8-9. /""These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me

in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

/Isaiah rebuked the Israelites. /First, he rebuked them for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far from him. /Second, Isaiah rebuked them for accepting man's laws and forsaking God's Word. /They followed the ways of man and threw away God's Word.

/Third, they worshipped God in vain. /God looks at the heart. /Our hearts must seek God. /We must not worship God with our minds, but worship in spirit and in truth.

/Verses 10-11. /Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'"

/What goes into one's mouth is not what makes one unclean. /Even if we eat food without washing our hands, our hearts do not become dirty. /What comes out of our mouths is what is unclean.

/What is unclean is the wickedness of our hearts that comes out of our lips. /A wicked heart is what makes a person unclean.

/Verse 12. /Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

/The Pharisees did not accept the words of Christ. /They were unrepentant. /They followed the teachings of man. /They followed the tradition of the elders. /They rejected the truth of Jesus.

/Verse 13. /He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.

/Whatever the heavenly Father did not plant will be pulled up by the roots. /God will punish all unrighteousness.

/Verse 14. /Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

/If a blind man leads a blind man, they will both fall into a pit. /The Pharisees did not know the truth. /They did not know the Scriptures. /Their spiritual eyes were darkened. /The Pharisees were spiritually blind.

/The Pharisees were blind leaders. /Therefore, those who followed the Pharisees also fell into a pit. /We must follow the truth today.

/Verses 15-17. /Peter said, "Explain the parable to us." "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?"

/It is not important whether one washes his hands or not. /Of course, being hygienic is important for one's health. /1 Timothy 4:8 /However, that has nothing to do with holiness.

/Therefore, we must guard our hearts. /We must get rid of any evil that may reside in our hearts.

/Verses 19-20. /For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.'"

/Everyone is born with evil thoughts. /Psalm 52:5 /Genesis 8:21 /What is murder? /It is to kill a person. /It is to hate another person. /1 John 3:15 /There is adultery and perverseness. /These are sins of sexually immorality.

/There is theft. /There are false witnesses. /To steal is to break the eighth commandment. /To give false testimony is to break the ninth commandment. /It is rebellion of the heart. /These things come from the heart. /Therefore, we must break free daily from the greed in our hearts.

/Verse 21. /Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

/Jesus went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. /This area is located northwest of Galilee./ Mark 7:26 /It is also called Syrophenicia.

/In verses 22-28, there is a Canaanite woman who desperately cries out to Jesus. /Mark 7:26 says that she was a Greek. /She came to Jesus because her daughter had an evil spirit in her.

/She called out, "Lord, Son of David." /"Son of David" means that Jesus is Savior, the Messiah. /She was sure that she and her daughter would be saved through Jesus.

/The faith of the Canaanite woman first caused her to follow Jesus even though He did not answer her. /Jesus was indifferent towards her. /Still, she followed Him until the end. /Second, she followed Jesus even when He was indifferent towards her.

/In verse 24, Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." /Even though Jesus said, "I have nothing to do with you," she still said, "Lord, help me."

/She asked earnestly that the Lord help her. /Third, she was called a dog and yet she still followed Jesus.

/Verse 26. /He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

/Jesus said to the woman, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." / Then the woman responded as is written in verse 27. /"Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

/At that time, the Jews treated the Gentiles like dogs. /Ephesians 2:11-12 /They treated the Gentiles like dogs. /Still, the Canaanite woman did not give up. /She was not offended.

/She knelt before Jesus and asked for His help. /This woman was humble. /She believed Jesus until the end. /Therefore, Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

/Then her daughter was healed instantly. /Jesus is full of compassion. /He extends grace to those who

seek Him. /We must be like the Canaanite woman and cry out to God, and have our prayers answered by God.

/Verse 29. /Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

/Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee. /Then He went up on a mountainside and sat down. /From there He taught His disciples. /At that time, many who were sick came looking for Jesus.

/Then the sick were healed. /The deaf were healed. /The lame were healed, /the paralyzed walked, /the blind were able to see. /Then people gave glory to God.

/Verse 32. /Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

/Many people followed Jesus for four days. /They were blessed through the teachings of Jesus, and they did not think about food to eat. /They did not think about what to eat.

/They longed for the Word of truth. /Therefore, Jesus took care of their empty stomachs.

/Verse 33. /His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?"

/The disciples worried because they had no money. /However, in chapter 14 Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand men with just five loaves of bread and two fish. /Here, the disciples worried again because they had no bread.

/Verse 34. /"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

/They said, "We only have seven loaves and a few small fish." /Jesus took the bread and gave thanks. /Then He fed four thousand people with it.

/Verses 37-38. /They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was four thousand, besides women and children.

/Four thousand men ate, besides the women and children. /There must have been more than ten thousand people. /Jesus told them not to throw away the leftover pieces. /The leftovers filled seven baskets.

/This shows us that Jesus is the bread of life. /If we seek and eat spiritual food, then God will provide physical food for us. /If we give what we have to God, no matter how small it may be, God will use it to save lives.

/Therefore, when we lay down what we have before God, both others and we will live. /Jesus is our bread of life. /If our spirits live through God's Word, then God will save our bodies as well.

/Verse 39. /After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

/Jesus went to the region of Magadan. /Mark 8:10 /He went to the district of Dalmanutha. /Dalmanutha. / This is the same region.

/We will continue the lecture on Matthew chapter 16. /The title of chapter 16 is, "Sign."

/First, interpret the signs of the times. /Verses 1-4. /Second, beware of the yeast. /Verses 5-12. /Third, Peter's confession of faith. /Verses 13-20. /Fourth, Peter becomes Satan's servant. /Verses 21-23. /Fifth, how to follow Jesus. /Verses 24-28.

/Read verses 1-3. /The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

/The Pharisees and Sadducees asked Jesus to show them a sign from heaven. /Jesus answered them. /He said, "You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."

/The Pharisees could not understand the signs of the times. /The Pharisees belonged to nature and and the flesh. /They could not understand because their spirits were darkened. /1 Corinthians 1:22

/Jesus came as the Son of God, as Immanuel. /Jesus is Creator. /John 1:9-12 /Jesus is Light. /He is the Word. /He is Truth. /However, the Pharisees did not believe Jesus, who was the sign.

/The Pharisees did not accept Jesus and only tested Him. /This generation is indeed the Last Days. /This generation is like Noah's generation and the generation of Sodom and Gomorrah. /It has become materialistic, worldly, and hedonistic.

/People continue to reject Jesus. /We must not depend on signs, such as fire from heaven or seeing dead men rise from the dead. /Today, there are many mystical movements.

/There are many who claim to have gone to heaven and come back. /We must not follow such mystical claims. /We must be satisfied with the Bible's explanation of heaven. /We will know heaven when we eventually get there.

/We must belong to the Word of God. /We must correctly know who Jesus really is. /We must put our faith in Jesus and follow Him.

/Verse 4. /A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then left them and went away.

/Jesus called this generation wicked and adulterous. /An adulterous generation is one that has forsaken God in his heart. /The wayward heart that leaves God is spiritual adultery. /James 4:4 /We must always

communicate with God.

/When our hearts abandon God, the world comes in. /Therefore, we must forsake the world and connect with God. /We must go to the backroom in our hearts. /We must pray to God early in the mornings.

/Jesus said that He would show them the sign of Jonah. /Jonah was inside the belly of a fish for three days, and on the third day found life again. /He almost died inside the belly but was saved. /He almost died but lived again.

/This symbolizes Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection on the third day. /The sign of Jonah is the cross of Jesus and His resurrection.

/The gospel is Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the dead in three days. /Anyone who believes Jesus, who is the sign of Jonah, will be saved. /Jesus saved us through the cross and His resurrection.

/Verses 5-6. /When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

/Jesus told His disciples to beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees. /Here the "yeast" refers to false teachings. /The yeast is the false teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

/Second, the Pharisees slandered Jesus. /Third, they were legalistic. /Galatians 5:9 /Mark 7:1-4 /These are false teachings. /The teachings of the Pharisees and the Sadducees polluted the correct teachings of Jesus.

/Therefore, today, lies and wrong teachings must be cut off. /We must only follow Jesus and His words. /This is the narrow road, but it is the road of life.

/Verses 7-11. /They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread." Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

/The disciples thought that Jesus was talking about bread. /Jesus was not talking about bread to eat, but the false teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees. /Jesus fed the five thousand and the four thousand.

/Man does not live by bread alone. /Life is not only about material possessions. /Our lives live on the truth and in God's Word. /We must believe this.

/Verse 12. /Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

/Jesus told them not to follow the false teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees. /Legalism and ritualism are the yeast.

/Verses 13-14. /When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

/Jesus went to the region of Caesarea Philippi. /Jesus asked His disciples. /"Who do people say the Son of Man is?" /Then the disciples replied.

/The answered, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." /In verse 15, Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?"

/It is not important what the world says who Jesus is. /To Jesus, it was important what His disciples thought of Him.

/It is not important what people think about Jesus. /What is important is whether or not we know Jesus and believe in Him. /It is important that we properly know who Jesus is and believe.

/Verse 16. /Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

/Simon Peter made his confession of faith. /"You are the Christ." /"Christ" means "Messiah." /Believers in the Old Testament looked forward to the coming Messiah. /The Messiah is Christ.

/They looked forward to Christ. /1 Peter 1:10 /Believers in the Old Testament only looked forward to Christ but did not see Him with their eyes. /John 8:56 /"Christ" is a Greek word. /"Messiah" is Hebrew.

/Both mean, "anointed one." /In the Old Testament period, prophets, priests, and kings were anointed with oil. /Thus, Christ means "anointed one."

/This means that He is our Savior. /Next, Peter confessed that Jesus is "the Son of the living God." /Jesus is the Son of God. /He is the Son of the living God. /He is the One sent by God.

/Therefore, Jesus is the only one sent by God. /Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. /We are saved through faith in Jesus.

/Verse 17. /Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

/"Barjona Simon" means Simon son of John. /Peter's original name is Simon. /His father was John. /Jesus said "Blessed are you." /Those who understand the way of salvation is blessed.

/Those who believe in Christ are blessed. /Those who come to recognize the truth is blessed. /Those who are saved and participate in eternal life are blessed. /The truth is precious. /When people recognize the truth, they will walk in the truth.

/They will be blessed greatly and will be rewarded. /Jesus said, "this was not revealed to you by man." /We do not come to realize the truth through flesh and blood. /We believe in Jesus through our Father

who is in heaven.

/We can confess our faith through God our Father. /This is the work of the Holy Spirit. /Spiritual truth is revealed by the Spirit. /1 Corinthians 2:13

/Verse 18. /And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

/Jesus called Simon, Peter. /Then Jesus said that He would build His church on that rock. /Here, "Peter" means "rock." /In Greek it is "Petros." /In Greek, /it is "Petros."

/Jesus said the church would be built on this rock. /"Rock" here is "Petra." /"Petra." /Peter's name is "Petros." /"Rock" is "Petra." /The names are different. /"Petros" is the name of a man.

/Therefore, this passage does not mean that God will build the church on Peter's body. /It means that the church will be built on the truth that Peter confessed. /The Roman Catholic Church emphasizes that the church is built on Peter.

/They believe that Peter was the first pope. /Peter was married. /Jesus did not say that He would build His church literally on Peter's body. /Jesus would build the church on the truth that Peter confessed.

/Peter gave a correct confession of faith. /Thus, the church would be built on this correct confession of faith.

/Therefore, the power of the flesh will not prevail. /Hosea 4:14 /Satan's power will not prevail. /Therefore, we are able to build the truth that we have recognized. /It will not be shaken. /It is strong.

/Verse 19. /I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

/The truth is the key to heaven. /Because Peter came to know the truth, he was able to help others be saved. /Whatever is bound on earth will be bound in heaven.

/We judge things that go against the truth as wrong. /Therefore, God judges the same to be wrong. /Whatever is loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven.

/Whatever is put under the light of truth, God will approve of it. /When the truth acknowledges that something is right, it is also acknowledged before God.

/This message is talking about the authority of the church. /When the church governs through the Word of truth, God will approve. /The church can lay down punishments according to the Word of God, and can pardon punishments as well.

/Verse 20. /Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

/Salvation is made complete through Jesus' cross and resurrection. /When we reveal certain matters, it



can interfere with the work of salvation.

/Verse 21. /From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

/Jesus predicted that He would go to Jerusalem, be crucified, and die. /He said that He would rise from the dead in three days. /Jesus, for the first time, revealed that He would be nailed to the cross and be resurrected.

/Jesus later repeated this several times. /Jesus came to this earth to die. /He came to carry our sins and die on the cross. /Jesus rose from the dead.

/That was the only way we could be saved. /Jesus revealed the way of salvation here. /The disciples realized this later.

/Verse 22. /Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

/Peter acted through his emotions. /He told Jesus that He must not die on the cross. /He went against the work of the cross.

/He wanted to follow Jesus without the cross. /If there is no cross of Jesus, then there is no salvation for us. /If there is no cross of Jesus and His resurrection, then we will all perish.

/Verse 23. /Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

/Jesus rebuked Peter. /Peter acted as a servant of Satan. /He did as Satan directed him. /He wanted to get rid of the cross. /Peter was deceived by Satan.

/He wanted to follow Jesus without the cross. /If there is no cross then there is no salvation in Jesus for us. /Is there is no cross there is no resurrection.

/There is no glory without suffering. /Peter did not think about the work of God, but only about the doings of man. /He was self-centered. /He sought a life of comfort without the cross.

/Verse 24. /Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

/In order to follow Jesus as His disciples, we must do two things. /First, we must deny ourselves. /We must get rid of our own thoughts and will. /We must throw away our stubbornness.

/We must throw away selfishness. /We must die to ourselves. /We must get rid of human thoughts. /It is fine if we are beaten. /It is fine if we die. /It is fine if we are slandered. /It is fine if we become lowly. /We must deny ourselves.

/Second, we must take up our cross. /When we follow Jesus we will receive the cross. /Therefore, we must embrace suffering for Christ.

/However, if there is suffering, there is glory. /We need the cross in order to increase in power. /God helps us. /When we die to ourselves we will also live. /There is life.

/Verse 25. /For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

/We have two kinds of lives. /When we try to save our lives, we will die. /If we compromise our faith in order to have better lives, we will die. /This does not mean that those who believe in Jesus will go to hell.

/This is talking about losing our spiritual lives. /We must not fear physical death. /We must put our lives on the line and follow the Word of God.

/We must live in the Spirit. /To live is Christ. /Philippians 1:21. /If we lose our lives for Jesus, we will find life.

/If we lose our physical lives for Jesus, we will receive eternal life. /We must be ready to suffer and be martyred. /This is the way to truly live.

/Verse 26. /What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

/If a man gains the whole world, yet does not have faith, his life means nothing. /If a man gains the whole world and goes to hell, he gains nothing. /Our lives are more precious than the world. /We must follow Jesus.

/We must not lose our spiritual lives. /We must trust in the Lord and continue to go forward. /Those who desire to die will live, and those who seek to live will die. /We must be centered on life of the spirit.

/Verse 27. /For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.

/Jesus will return. /We must look to His return. /We must look forward to the next life. /We must look forward to heaven. /We must realize that life here on earth is temporary. /The Lord said that He would reward each person according to what he has done.

/We will not go to hell. /We believe in Jesus and thus, we will go to heaven. /We must hold on to our faith and become imitators of Christ. /There is much glory when we become like Jesus. /There is also great rewards.

/Verse 28. /I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

/There will be people who will see Jesus' return before they die. /The Lord will reveal to them His Second Coming.

/A few days later Jesus showed them His transfiguration. /This is recorded in chapter 17. /Jesus revealed how He will come when He returns at His Second Coming.

/This completes the twelfth lecture on Matthew. /Thank you.