

BSF Scripture for Matthew Lesson #16

FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read Matthew 15:1-9, Mark 7:1-13

Clean and Unclean

[15:1] Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, [2] “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!”

[3] Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? [4] For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ [5] But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,’ [6] he is not to ‘honor his father’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. [7] You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

[8] “‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

[9] They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’”

Mark 7:1-13

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[7:1] The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and [2] saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. [3] (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. [4] When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

[5] So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don't your disciples live according to the

tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?”

[6] He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

[7] They worship me in vain;

their teachings are but rules taught by men.’

[8] You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.”

[9] And he said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! [10] For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’ [11] But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: ‘Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban’ (that is, a gift devoted to God), [12] then you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. [13] Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

Question 4

Exodus 20:12; [12] “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Mark 7:11-13; [11] But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— [12] then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. [13] Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

Ephesians 6:1-3; [6:1] Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— [3] “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

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Question 5a

Isaiah 29:13; [13] The Lord says:

“These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

THIRD DAY

Read Matthew 15:10-20

[10] Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. [11] 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.’”

[12] Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

[13] He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.

[14] Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”

[15] Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

[16] “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. [17] “Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? [18] But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man ‘unclean.’ [19] For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. [20] These are what make a man ‘unclean’; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him ‘unclean.’”

FOURTH DAY

Read Matthew 15:21-28

The Faith of the Canaanite Woman

[21] Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. [22] A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession.”

[23] Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

[24] He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

[25] The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

[26] He replied, “It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs.”

[27] “Yes, Lord,” she said, “but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”

[28] Then Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

FIFTH DAY

Read Matthew 15:29-39

Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

[29] Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. [30] Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. [31] The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

[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.”

[33] His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?”

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[34] “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked.

“Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”

[35] He told the crowd to sit down on the ground.

[36] Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people.

[37] They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. [38] The number of those who ate was four thousand, besides women and children. [39] After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

Question 12

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Matthew 14:13-21;

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

[13] 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. [14] When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

[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.”

[16] Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

[17] “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

[18] “Bring them here to me,” he said. [19] And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. [20] They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. [21] The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

. Question 13b

Mark 7:31; 8:1;

[31] Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.

[8:1] During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said,

SIXTH DAY

Review Matthew 15