



# SUNDAY CLASS

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## Key Verses: Matthew 15:29-31

*"We read not of any thing he did in the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, but the casting of the devil out of the woman of Canaan's daughter, as if he took that journey on purpose, with that in prospect.*

\*\*\*Note, Let not ministers grudge their pains to do good, though but to few. He that knows the worth of souls, would go a great way to help to save one from death and Satan's power."

\*\*\*MATTHEW HENRY COMMENTARY ON THE WHOLE BIBLE

## Matthew 15:29 (New International Version)

### Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

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

## Mark 7:31-37 (New International Version)

### The Healing of a Deaf and Mute Man

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

<sup>32</sup>There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. <sup>33</sup>After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup>He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). <sup>35</sup>At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup>Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. <sup>37</sup>People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

*"He sat down on a mountain, that all might see him, and have free access to him; for he is an open Savior. He sat down there, as one tired with his journey, and willing to have a little rest; or rather, as one waiting to be gracious. He sat, expecting patients, as Abraham at his tent-door, ready to entertain strangers. He settled himself to this good work."*

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## Matthew 9:8 (New International Version)

<sup>8</sup>When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

### [Matthew 18:8 \(New International Version\)](#)

<sup>8</sup>*If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.*



*“If Christ’s ministers could cure bodily diseases as Christ did, there would be more flocking to them than there is; we are soon sensible of bodily pain and sickness, but few are concerned about their souls and their spiritual diseases.”*

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### [Mark 9:43 \(New International Version\)](#)

<sup>43</sup>*If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.*

### [Matthew 15:30 \(New International Version\)](#)

<sup>30</sup>*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.*

*“\*\*\*Note, Whatever our case is, the only way to find ease and relief, is, to lay it at Christ’s feet, to spread it before him, and refer it to his cognizance, and then submit it to him, and refer it to his disposal.”*

*See what work sin has made! It has turned the world into a hospital: what various diseases are human bodies subject to!*

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### *Matthew 15:31 (New International Version)*

<sup>31</sup>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

### *Isaiah 29:23 (New International Version)*

<sup>23</sup> When they see among them their children,  
the work of my hands,  
they will keep my name holy;  
they will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob,  
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

### *Luke 1:68 (New International Version)*

<sup>68</sup>"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has come and has redeemed his people.

### *Acts 13:17 (New International Version)*

<sup>17</sup>The God of the people of Israel chose our fathers; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt, with mighty power he led them out of that country,

\*\*\*Note, God must be acknowledged with praise and thankfulness in the mercies of others as in our own.

"They glorified him as the God of Israel, his church's God, a God in covenant with his people, who hath sent the Messiah promised; and this is he. See Luke 1:68. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel. This was done by the power of the God of Israel, and no other could do it."

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### *Matthew 15:32 (New International Version)*

<sup>32</sup>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."

"I have compassion on the multitude. He tells his disciples this, both to try and to excite their compassion. When he was about to work this miracle, he called them to him, and made them acquainted with his purpose, and discussed with them about it; not because he needed their advice, but because he would give an instance of his love to them. He called them not servants, for the servant knows not what his Lord doeth, but treated them as his friends and counselors."

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## Matthew 14:14-21 (New International Version)

<sup>14</sup>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. <sup>18</sup>"Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup>The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

\*\*\*Note, We think three hours too much to attend upon public ordinances; but these people staid together three days, and yet snuffed not at it, nor said, Behold, what a weariness is it!"

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## Mark 8:1-10 (New International Version)

### Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand

<sup>1</sup>During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, <sup>2</sup>"I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup>If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." <sup>4</sup>His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" <sup>5</sup>"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied. <sup>6</sup>He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so. <sup>7</sup>They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. <sup>8</sup>The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>9</sup>About four thousand men were present. And having sent them away, <sup>10</sup>he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.

## Matthew 15:33 (New International Version)

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

*"Now observe, How his power was distrusted by his disciples (v. 33); whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness? Shall the flocks and the herds be slain to suffice them?"*

*But it was here an improper question, considering not only the general assurance the disciples had of the power of Christ, but the particular experience they lately had of a seasonable and sufficient provision by miracle in an earlier case; they had been not only the witnesses, but the ministers, of the former miracle; the multiplied bread went through their hands; so that it was an instance of great weakness for them to ask, Whence shall we have bread? Could they be at a loss, while they had their Master with them?"*

\*\*\*Note, Forgetting former experiences leaves us under present doubts. "

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### Mark 8:4 (New International Version)

<sup>4</sup>His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?"

### 2 Corinthians 11:26 (New International Version)

<sup>26</sup>I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers.

### Hebrews 11:38 (New International Version)

<sup>38</sup>the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

### Matthew 15:34 (New International Version)

<sup>34</sup>"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

\*\*\*Note, When we cannot have what we would, we must make the best of what we have, and do good with it as far as it will go; we must not think so much of our wants as of our havings."

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### Matthew 15:35 (New International Version)

<sup>35</sup>He told the crowd to sit down on the ground.

### Matthew 15:36 (New International Version)

<sup>36</sup>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.

### Matthew 26:27 (New International Version)

<sup>27</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

### Luke 22:17 (New International Version)

<sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you.

### John 6:11 (New International Version)

<sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

### *John 6:23 (New International Version)*

<sup>23</sup>*Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.*

### *Acts 27:35 (New International Version)*

<sup>35</sup>*After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat.*

### *Romans 14:6 (New International Version)*

<sup>6</sup>*He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.*

### *1 Corinthians 10:30 (New International Version)*

<sup>30</sup>*If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?*

### *Matthew 15:37 (New International Version)*

<sup>37</sup>*They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.*

### *Matthew 15:38 (New International Version)*

<sup>38</sup>*The number of those who ate was four thousand, besides women and children.*

### *Matthew 15:39 (New International Version)*

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

### *Mark 3:9 (New International Version)*

<sup>9</sup>*Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him.*

### *Mark 8:10 (New International Version)*

<sup>10</sup>*he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.*

*“The dismissal of the multitude, and Christ’s departure to another place (v. 39). He sent away the people. Though he had fed them twice, they must not expect miracles to be their daily bread. Let them now go home to their callings, and to their own tables. And he himself departed by ship to another place; for, being the Light of the world, he must be still in motion, and go about to do good.”*



***John 8:12 (New International Version)***

*<sup>12</sup>When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*