

## Matthew – Part 7

### Lord of Jews and Gentiles

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Gospel of Matthew. Our topic today: Lord of Jews and Gentiles

Scripture Theme Song: Praise Him the Heights (Ps. 148:1-4)

- 1) Feeding the Hungry – Matthew 14:13-21
  - a) What tragic event occurred right before the feeding of the 5,000? (see Matthew 14:3-12)
  - b) Matthew 14:13 What lesson can we learn from the response of Jesus? (see also Mark 6:31)
  - c) Matthew 14:14-21 What lessons is Jesus wanting to teach His disciples through this miracle?
  - d) Matthew 14:22 Why does Jesus make the disciples get into the boat and leave the area? See John 6:15
  - e) Matthew 15:32-39 – Why does Matthew also record the feeding the 4000 in a region predominantly populated by Gentiles.
- 2) Lord of all Creation
  - a) Matthew 14:23-26 What can we learn from the reaction of the disciples when Jesus came to them?
  - b) Matthew 14:27-31 Only Matthew includes this part of the story. What lesson does the Holy Spirit want to teach through Matthew’s testimony?
  - c) Matthew 14:32-33 – the response of the disciples
    - d) Why does Matthew include v. 34-36 as a sequel to this narrative?
    - e) How can we learn to be completely dependent on Jesus as our Savior and Lord?
- 3) The need for a clean heart
  - a) Matthew 15:1-9 – Why did the religious leaders criticize Jesus?
  - b) Matthew 15:10-20 What important lesson is Jesus teaching each one of us?
  - c) Matthew 23:27-28 Jesus described the religious leaders of His day as whitewashed tombs. How can we avoid the same kind of hypocrisy?
  - d) What promises of Scripture assure us that God is able to give us clean hearts?
    - i) 1 John 1:9
    - ii) Psalm 51:10-13
    - iii) Ezekiel 36:26
    - iv) Other promises?
- 4) Provision for the Gentiles too
  - a) Matthew 15:21-28 – Some have struggled with the response of Jesus. What lesson did Jesus want to teach His disciples?
  - b) What other incidents or teaching in the ministry of Jesus illustrate God’s love and care for the Gentiles?
    - i) Matthew 15:29-31 – healing in Decapolis
    - ii) Matthew 28:19-20 – teach all nations
    - iii) Other incidents or teachings?
  - c) Share a time when God challenged you to reach out to others who came from a different culture or worldview.