**PATHWAYS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**BIBLE STUDY OUTLINES Chapters 11-14**

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**CHAPTER ELEVEN**

While the apostles were fulfilling the limited commission, Jesus was approached by emissaries from John the Baptist who received confirmation that He was "The Coming One" (**1-6**). Jesus revealed that John was "The Messenger" foretold by Malachai and that many were inconsistent in their opposition to both Jesus and John (**7-19**). Jesus then rebuked cities which did not repent at His teaching (20-24), and at the same time extended a tender invitation to those who would accept His teaching (**25-30**).

**POINTS TO PONDER**

* The relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist
* Why the day of judgment will be more tolerable for Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom than it will be for Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum
* The Savior's tender invitation to those with troubled souls

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

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1. **What are the main points of this chapter?**
2. **Why did John send two disciples to Jesus? (2-3)**
3. **What evidence did Jesus offer to John's disciples? (4-5)**
4. **What two O.T. prophecies did Jesus say that John fulfilled? (10,14)**
5. **Who did Jesus say would be greater than John the Baptist? (11)**
6. **How did some people describe John and Jesus? (18-19)**
7. **Why did Jesus rebuke the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum? (20)**
8. **To whom did Jesus extend His invitation? What did He expect in return? (28-30)**

**CHAPTER TWELVE**

Opposition to Jesus and His ministry increased, spear-headed by Pharisees who objected to Jesus' conduct on the Sabbath (**1-14**). Jesus humbly sought privacy, which fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy concerning God's Chosen Servant (**15-21**), but Pharisees followed Him making blasphemous accusations against the Spirit and demanded a sign (**22-45**). When Jesus' physical family wanted to see Him, Jesus identified His disciples as His true family (**46-50**).

**POINTS TO PONDER**

* Jesus and the Sabbath day
* The blasphemy of the Holy Spirit
* The true family of God

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

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1. **What are the main points of this chapter?**
2. **What were Jesus' disciples doing that angered the Pharisees? (1-2)**
3. **What was Jesus doing that angered the Pharisees? (9-14)**
4. **What prophecy did Jesus fulfill warning people not to make Him known? (17-21)**
5. **How did the Pharisees explain Jesus' ability to cast out demons? (24)**
6. **What was the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? (31-32)**
7. **For what will one give an account in the day of judgment? (36-37)**
8. **What sign did Jesus say He would give to the Pharisees? (38-40)**
9. **Who did Jesus identify as His true family? (49-50)**

**CHAPTER THIRTEEN**

Jesus began teaching in parables regarding the kingdom, seven recorded in this chapter ([**Mt 13:1-9**](https://ref.ly/Matt%2013.1-9;nkjv?t=biblia)**,**[**18-33**](https://ref.ly/Mt%2013.18-33;nkjv?t=biblia)**,**[**36-52**](https://ref.ly/Mt%2013.36-52;nkjv?t=biblia)). His goal appeared to separate the truth seekers from the curiosity seekers, as He explained the parables privately to His disciples ([**Mt 13:10-17**](https://ref.ly/Matt%2013.10-17;nkjv?t=biblia)**,**[**34-35**](https://ref.ly/Mt%2013.34-35;nkjv?t=biblia)). At Nazareth, He taught in the synagogue where He found an unreceptive audience (**53-58**).

**POINTS TO PONDER**

* The purpose of parables
* What the parables reveal about the kingdom of heaven

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1. **What are the main points of this chapter?**
2. **List the seven parables of Jesus found in this chapter (3,24,31,33, 44,45,47)**
3. **What was Jesus two-fold purpose in teaching in parables? (10-17, 34-35,51-52)**
4. **What does the parable of the sower illustrate? (3-9,18-23)**
5. **What does the parable of the wheat and tares illustrate? (24-30, 36-43)**
6. **What do the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven illustrate? (31-34)**
7. **What about the parables of the hidden treasure and pearl of great price? (44-46)**
8. **What does the parable of the dragnet illustrate? (47-52)**
9. **Why was Jesus rejected by many at Nazareth? (53-58)**

**CHAPTER FOURTEEN**

Word of Jesus' ministry came to Herod the tetrarch, and Matthew tells how Herod killed John the Baptist (**1-12**). Hearing of John's death, Jesus sought privacy but was followed by the multitudes and fed over 5000 with five loaves and two fish (**13-21**). Sending His disciples away by boat, Jesus dispersed the crowd and went to the mountain to pray. He later joined His disciples by walking on the sea (**22-33**). In the land of Gennesaret, Jesus healed all who came to Him by simply letting them touch the hem of His garment (**34-36**).

**POINTS TO PONDER**

* The unlawful marriage of Herod that led to John's death
* Two miracles that demonstrate Jesus' power over nature
* The inverse relationship between fear and faith

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

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1. **What are the main points of this chapter?**
2. **Who did Herod think Jesus was when he heard about Him? (1-2)**
3. **What led to Herod's arrest of John the Baptist? (3-4)**
4. **How was Herod tricked to have John beheaded? (6-10)**
5. **When Jesus heard of John's death, what did He try to do? What happened? (13)**
6. **What prompted Jesus to heal the sick and feed the hungry? (14-15)**
7. **How many were fed, and with what? (16-21)**
8. **As Jesus walked on the sea, what led to Peter sinking? (25-31)**
9. **How were the sick in the land of Gennesaret healed? (34-36)**