

Matthew 15-16

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Ch 15

Theme – Jesus challenged about traditional handwashing, but He responds that they violated the commandments; “what comes of the mouth defiles a man” (v11); near Tyre & Sidon, the Syrophoenician woman cries out for Jesus (Jesus commends her faith); Jesus returns to the Sea of Galilee & heals the sick; feeding of the 4,000; Jesus goes to Magdala

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Ch 16

Theme – Religious elite demand a sign, but only the sign of Jonah will be given; the leaven (false teachings of the Pharisees & Sadducees); the Confession of Peter; Jesus declares His coming death AND resurrection; Peter rebukes Jesus – “Get behind Me, Satan”; each disciple must pick up their cross & follow Jesus; some of the disciples will not pass before seeing the Son of Man coming in His kingdom (likely a reference to the Mount of Transfiguration)

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