

# What's He Up To and Who is He?

Matthew 15:29-16:28

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## What's He Up To?

### Signs

**Matthew 15:29** And departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up to the mountain, He was sitting there.

<sup>30</sup> And great multitudes came to Him, bringing with them *those who were* lame, crippled, blind, dumb, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them,

<sup>31</sup> so that the multitude marveled as they saw the dumb speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

### Another sign

<sup>32</sup> And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the multitude, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not wish to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

<sup>33</sup> And the disciples said to Him, "Where would we get so many loaves in a desolate place to satisfy such a great multitude?"

<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

<sup>35</sup> And He directed the multitude to sit down on the ground;

<sup>36</sup> and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and giving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples *in turn*, to the multitudes.

<sup>37</sup> And they all ate, and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full.

<sup>38</sup> And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

### The big sign

<sup>39</sup> And sending away the multitudes, He got into the boat, and came to the region of Magadan.

**16:1** And the Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Him asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.

<sup>2</sup> But He answered and said to them, "When it is evening, you say, '*It will be* fair weather, for the sky is red.'

<sup>3</sup> "And in the morning, '*There will be* a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot *discern* the signs of the times?"

<sup>4</sup> "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah." And He left them, and went away.

## Adding up the signs

<sup>5</sup> And the disciples came to the other side and had forgotten to take bread.

<sup>6</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

<sup>7</sup> And they began to discuss among themselves, saying, "*It is* because we took no bread."

<sup>8</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, said, "You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread?"

<sup>9</sup> "Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up?"

<sup>10</sup> "Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets you took up?"

<sup>11</sup> "How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

<sup>12</sup> Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

## Who is He?

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He *began* asking His disciples, saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

### 1. The Christ

### 2. The Son of God

<sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

### 3. The One who will build His church

<sup>18</sup> "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.

### 4. The giver of the keys

<sup>19</sup> "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

<sup>20</sup> Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

## 5. The One who gave His life for His church

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

<sup>22</sup> And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid *it*, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

<sup>23</sup> But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

## 6. The One who set the example for His church

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

<sup>25</sup> "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

<sup>26</sup> "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

## 7. The One who's coming again as judge

<sup>27</sup> "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds.

<sup>28</sup> "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."