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## Chapter 24: No Ordinary Man

Matthew 5 – 7; 9; 14; Mark 4 – 6; Luke 10; 15; John 6

### Introduction:

In Jesus' day the crowds, religious leaders, and sometimes the disciples themselves would ignore or even reject what Jesus said.

Two thousand years later, the teaching of Jesus can still be so piercing, convicting, and painfully true that we intentionally, or unintentionally, shut it off. As his followers, we must cling to every word of the Savior ... even when those words challenge us to the core of our being.

### Lesson Breakdown:

- The Parables (Mark 4; Luke 10, 15)
- Life in the kingdom (Matthew 5-7)
- To the Other Side (Mark 4-5)
- Two Ways to Rule (Matthew 9; Mark 5-6)
- It Is I (Matthew 14)
- The Bread of Life (John 6)

### Plot Points:

- Jesus, preaching in parables, calls out those who have ears to hear.
- Jesus confronts the religious leaders, calling their external expression of obedience to account for their internal lack of compassion.
- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus announces the “constitution” of his kingdom.
- Jesus demonstrates his power over the forces of chaos – stormy seas, sickness, and even death.

As you watch the video for Session 24 of The Story, notice some of the main points.

- ✓ “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
- ✓ The kingdom of God is that restored garden.
- ✓ “Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name.”
- ✓ We cry out to God to meet us in our Lower Story.
- ✓ If you want to walk on water, you need to concentrate on walking toward Jesus.

## UNDERSTAND THE STORY:

### ➤ Mark 4:

From a boat, Jesus teaches a large crowd, using parables. (335) [Mark 4:1-2]

He tells a parable of the sower. (335) [Mark 4:3-9]

The parables are not obvious to everyone, so Jesus quotes Isaiah (Isaiah 6:9-10), about those who see but do not perceive. (335-336) [Mark 4:10-12] [Matthew 13:10-17]

Why did Jesus speak in parables? [Matthew 13:13]

Jesus interprets the parable of the sower. (336) [Mark 4:13-20]

Lamps are not to be put under beds or baskets. (336) [Mark 4:21-24]

Whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. (336) [Mark 4:25]

Jesus tells a parable of the farmer who plants the seed, but another power makes it grow. (336) [Mark 4:26-29]

He explains how a mustard seed goes from something very small to something very big. (336-337) [Mark 4:30-34]

### ➤ Luke 15:

The Pharisees complain because the tax collectors and sinners were coming to listen to Jesus. (337) [Luke 15:1-2]

Jesus says that there is more rejoicing about the recovery of one lost sheep than there is about ninety-nine who never went missing. (337) [Luke 15:3-7]

He says its similar to a woman rejoicing when she finds a lost coin. (337) [Luke 15:8-10]

Then he tells the parable of the Prodigal Son. (337-339) [Luke 15:11-32]

### ➤ Luke 10:

A lawyer asks what he must do to inherit eternal life, citing the injunction to love your neighbor, but then asked who his neighbor is. (339) [Luke 10:25-29]

Jesus tells the parable of the good Samaritan. (339-340) [Luke 10:30-37]

Jesus stays at the house of Martha and Mary. Martha busies herself with serving, while Mary sits at His feet and listens to him. (NIB) [Luke 10:38-42]

➤ Matthew 5:

Jesus ascends a mountain and teaches the “Sermon on the Mount.”  
(340) [Matthew 5:1-2]

“The Beatitudes.” (Recalling the oppressed groups mentioned in Isaiah 61).  
(340-341) [Matthew 5:3-12]

Jesus’ followers are the salt of the earth, which is precious, unless the salt loses its flavor. (341) [Matthew 5:13]

Light should not be hidden under a basket. (341) [Matthew 5:14-16]

➤ Matthew 6:

Jesus tells us how to pray. (341) [Matthew 6:5-8]

“Lord’s Prayer.” (341) [Matthew 6:9-13]

If you forgive, you will be forgiven. (341) [Matthew 6:14-15]

When you fast, do not do it to be noticed. (NIB) [Matthew 6:16-18]

Do not lay-up treasure on earth, but in heaven. (342) [Matthew 6:19-21]

If your eyes are clear, your whole body will be full of light. If your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. (342) [Matthew 6:22-23]

You cannot serve God and Mammon. (342) [Matthew 6:24]

Do not worry about tomorrow. Seek first God’s kingdom, and He will provide, as He does for the birds of the air or the lilies of the field. (342) [Matthew 6:25-34]

➤ Matthew 7:

Jesus says that whoever hears and acts on His words is like a wise man who built his house upon the rock, not a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. (342-343) [Matthew 7:24-27]

The people were astonished by Jesus' teaching because He taught them as one having authority. (NIB) [Matthew 7:28-29]

➤ Mark 4:

While in a boat, Jesus rebukes the waves and calms the sea. (343) [Mark 4:35-41]

➤ Mark 5:

A possessed man who could not be restrained with chains is cured by Jesus. He grants permission for the evil spirits to come out of the man and enter pigs, which rush into the sea and drown. (343-344) [Mark 5:1-16]

The local people plead with Jesus to leave. (344) [Mark 5:17]

The man who had been demon-possessed wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus told him to report to others what great things the Lord has done for him. (344) [Mark 5:18-20]

The daughter of Jarius, a ruler of the synagogue, has died and he asks Jesus to bring her back to life. (344) [Mark 5:21-24] [Matthew 9:18-19]

While traveling to Jarius' house, a woman is healed of a hemorrhage by touching Jesus' garment. (344-345) [Mark 5:25-34] [Matthew 9:20-22]

Jesus brings Jarius' daughter back to life. (345) [Mark 5:35-42] [Matthew 9:23-25]

Jesus tells all the witnesses not to tell anyone. (345) [Mark 5:43]

But the report of this went out into all that land. (NIB) [Matthew 9:26]

➤ Matthew 9:

Because of their faith, Jesus heals two blind men. (346) [Matthew 9:27-30]

A demon-possessed man who was unable to speak is healed. (346) [Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22-23]

The Pharisees think Jesus' power is demonic. (346) [Matthew 9:34; 12:24]

➤ Mark 6:

Herod thinks Jesus is John risen from the dead. (346) [Mark 6:14-16] [Matthew 14:1-2]

Herod had imprisoned John because he had criticized Herod's marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife. (346-347) [Mark 6:17-20] [Matthew 14:3-5]

At the request of Herodias' daughter, John the Baptist was beheaded. (347) [Mark 6:21-29] [Matthew 14:6-12]

Jesus feeds five thousand men with five loaves and two fishes. (348) [Mark 6:35-44] [Matthew 14:15-21] [John 6:1-14]

The disciples get into a boat and go to Bethsaida, while Jesus goes to the mountain to pray. (348) [Mark 6:45-46] [Matthew 14:22-23] [John 6:15]

➤ Matthew 14:

A storm brews; Jesus walks on the water and appears to the disciples. Peter also walks on the water, but his faith fails, and he starts to sink. (348-349) [Matthew 14:22-33] [Mark 6:47-51] [John 6:15-21]

➤ Mark 6:53-56:

Multitudes are healed by touching the hem of Jesus' garment. (349) [Mark 6:53-56] [Matthew 14:34-36]

➤ John 6:

The crowd has "lost" Jesus and His disciples but find them in Capernaum. (349) [John 6:22-25]

Jesus tells the people not to labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to everlasting life. (349-350) [John 6:26-34]

Jesus says he is the bread of life. (350) [John 6:35]

In Eucharistic language, we abide in the Son by eating the Son's flesh and drinking his blood. (350) [John 6:47-51]

No one can come to Jesus unless it has been granted by him by the Father.  
(350) [John 6:52-58]

Many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. Jesus asks the Twelve if they want to leave. (350-351) [John 6:66-70]

Jesus knew from the beginning that Judas would betray him. (351) [John 6:71]

Throughout the book of John, Judas is referred to as: “a devil” (John 6:70–71), “a thief” (John 12:6), an unbeliever (John 6:64), and spiritually unclean (John 13:10), yet he held a respected position within the group (John 13:29). Since Jesus “knew what (is) in each person” (John 2:25), why did Jesus choose Judas as one of the twelve disciples, knowing he would later betray Him?

IN TWO WEEKS (September 17) ... We'll look at the story of Jesus leading up to his betrayal by Judas. Take time before our next class to read chapter 25 of *The Story*: “Jesus, the Son of God”.

Matthew 17; 21; Mark 8 – 12; 14; Luke 9; 22; John 7 – 8; 11 – 12