

**MATTHEW Acrostic: Apostling: Understanding**

Understanding: Parables, Walking on water, leaven

Mk 4:13

Compare Mat 13:16f:

Note: Mark rebukes the disciples for not understanding; Matthew drops that and instructs

Question: How do you fit these together from the walking on water incident?

Mk 6:50f

Compare Mat 14:33:

Pharisees' Yeast: Mk 8:21

Compare Mat 16:12:

Little faith (oligopistoi) paralyzing disciple

Mat. 16:8f—lack of faith inhibits understanding—do you still not understand? Cf Mt 6:30//Lk 12:23f

Lack understanding of passion 16:21ff; 26:51f

**Cost of Discipleship**

What is the cost of discipleship?—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Columbine, Nigeria, Iraq, Egypt, Libya [21 Coptic Christians beheaded, 2/15/15]

True disciples will suffer rejection, persecution, hatred (Mat 10:23f, 34f)→ not peace but sword

Forsaking/leaving attachments: Rich young ruler (Mat 19:16ff)

Denying oneself/loosing one's life/crucifixion: (Mat. 16:24-26)-imitatio

Imitation of Christ—Thomas à Kempis→

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ... (16:24)

**False disciples**

What does Matthew teach about false apostles/disciples?

Mixture: Parable of Tares 13:24ff

Faith or works? Mat 7:21-22 not every one who says Lord, Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

**Sheep and Goats:** Mat 25:41ff—on what basis let into kingdom—did it to the least of these did it to me—self-deception

Important Question: Am I a Christian?

## Theology of Jesus

How does Matthew see Jesus?

Teacher-wisdom: you have heard it said but I say....; one greater than Solomon (12:42) my words never pass away 24:35.

Christ=greater Moses parallels

5 discourse sections of Matt. = new law (DeSilva)

Infants slain by king at birth

Flight out of Egypt

Meeting God on a mountain

Transfiguration: Moses & Elijah

Healer: Therapeutic [Mt 8-9] / non-therapeutic miracles [5,000; walks water]

Deity: 1) Immanuel: birth, 2) Mt. 18:20 where two or three gather, 3) great commission with them unto the end of the age. Inclusio

Peter walking on water--You are son of God (14:28, 33) Job 9:8; Ps 89:9; 107:29; 65:7.

Kingship and the kingdom of heaven: genealogy, victory over Satan, Lord of the Sabbath; Son of David 9x in Mt: DVD = 14

Prominence of the kingdom in Matthew (3 proofs)

Jesus/John's preaching: repent for kingdom of heaven is near (Mat 3:1; 4:17)

Beatitudes: inclusio: blessed are .. theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 5:3; 5:10

32 times uniquely used in Matthew

**Kingdom of heaven or kingdom of God:** Already, but not yet

The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you (Mt. 13:11) metonymy –compare Mk 4:11

Eschatological kingdom expectations: Davidic rule, Israel back in the land, peace

**Already:** Imminence/near: Mt 3:2/5:20; 12:28; Lk 17:21

Entrance repentance/belief: Mt 21:31

Kingdom parables: Sower, Tares; future=13:50, sheep/goats

Reversal: upside down kingdom Mat 19:30→20:1-2,→16; 25-28.

**Not yet:** Future kingdom: end, thy kingdom come (Mt. 6:9f); Son of Man coming (24:36; 39f) left behind

**What does Mt. 16:28 mean?** Transfiguration? Resurrection? Pentecost?

Spread of gospel: 24:14; already=6:25f; 33f?