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What should we do when we make a mistake?

Prodigal Son - (Luke 15:11-32)

What can we learn from the Prodigal Son?

What was the son's attitude when he realized he was wrong?

What was the father's attitude?

What was the brother's attitude? Was it right?

Godly Sorrow - (II Corinthians 7:8-11)

What is Godly Sorrow? Is sorrow ever Good?

What does Godly Sorrow Produce?

What are some of the actions and attitudes that should come from Godly Sorrow?

What can you learn from this passage?

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A Study of Matthew

Matthew 14:1-36

Lesson 13

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 15:1-39

Memory Verse — Matthew 14:19

Matthew chapter 14 records some very interesting events in Jesus' ministry and teaches us some very basic lessons of human nature. Previously we had learned that John the Baptist was in prison and in the first part of this chapter we learn why John is in prison and of his death. We learn that John had been put in prison for rebuking Herod and his wife of their sinful relationship. Many times people will hurt those who are trying to correct them. Herod knew he was wrong and put John in prison and only his fear of the people kept him from killing John.

It was probably Herod's pride that put John in prison and it was probably his pride that killed John. At Herod's birthday party his wife's daughter danced for him and pleased him. Herod then chose to give her whatever she would ask. The daughter asked for John's head. Surely, pride led Herod to choose to kill John, because Herod did not want to lose face with those with whom he ate.

We need to learn to watch what we say, and learn to admit when we have made a mistake. One sin can quickly lead to another if we will not repent. It always takes more courage to do what is right when one is in the wrong company or has the wrong attitude. We need to make sure that our hearts' desire is to do what is right and not let anything hold us back from doing it. When we choose to make things right, after a mistake, we will find life is more enjoyable and we will have less guilt and pain.

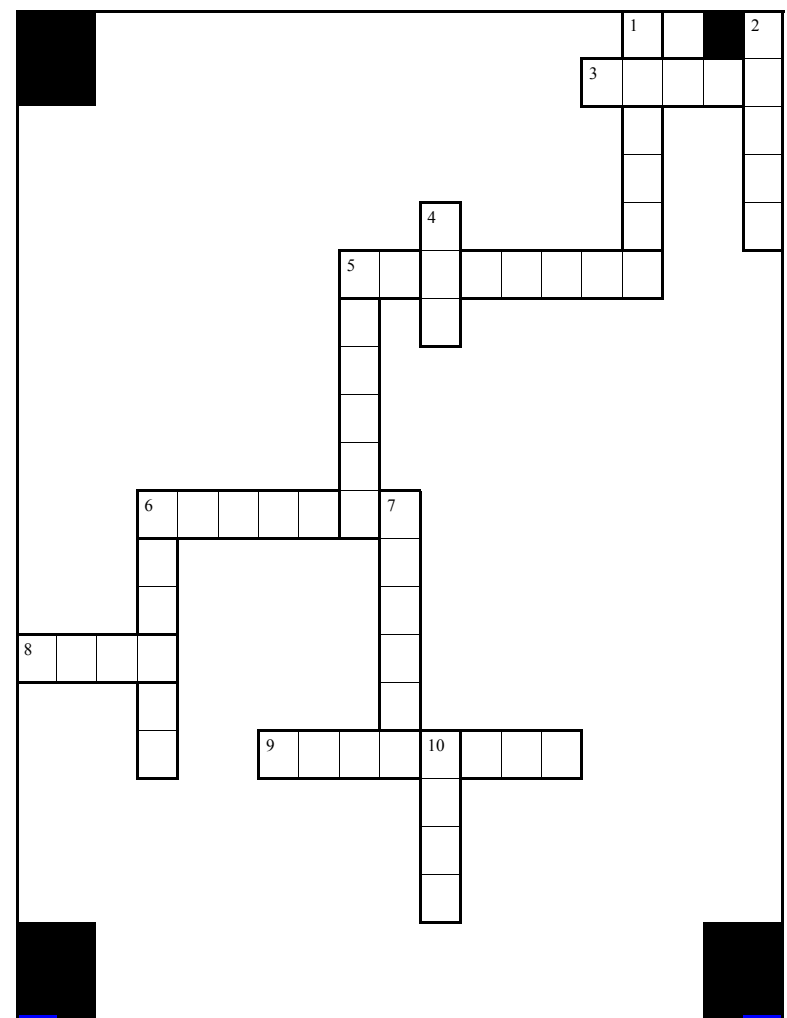
Another thing we can learn is that there are times

when we need to be alone. After Jesus heard of John's death he sought to be alone. We read that Jesus went to a desert place alone. When life's pressures seem to be coming in all around us sometimes we need to seek to be alone. We may just need to think or maybe we need time to pray. Many times when we are pressed with life's greatest problems we would do well to go to our rooms and stop and think and meditate. We may think about the problem or we may think about the blessings God has given us. However, things do not always work as planned and this can be a great trial.

Surely it was tough for Jesus to learn of John's death and to see these people's reactions. Jesus, even though he had sought to be alone, chose to heal the sick and teach the people when they continued to follow him. We need to seek to have Christ's attitude. When things do not go as we would like them to we need to seek to make the best out of the situation. Christ went on to perform a great miracle feeding over 5000 people with just five loaves and two fishes. Many times we can have a great influence on others by how we handle life's tough times. The Lord knew he could find time later to be alone and did so after he had fed the people.

Later Christ came back to his disciples walking on the water. Christ's power was shown in this miracle. When the disciples saw Christ on the water they thought they saw a ghost, but when they heard it was the Lord, Peter asked the Lord to command him to come to him. The Lord answered, "come", and Peter began. Before he came to the Lord, he began to sink because of fear. The Lord then helped Peter and asked him why he had doubted. If we have strong faith, we can overcome fear. Many times we let the storms of life cause us to sink. When we do not realize that the Lord is right there and that everything is in his control -- we cry out, "Lord save us". In whatever we do we need to realize that God is

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CROSS to fill in the Puzzle.
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Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

3. What Jesus said Peter lacked, which caused Peter to sink. (14:31)
5. Jesus fed five _____ with five loaves and two fishes. (14:20-21)
6. Many came from all around because as many _____ Jesus were healed.(14:34-36)
8. Who Herod thought Jesus was because of all the miracles that were being done?(14:1-5)
9. It was Herod's _____ when he threw a party and promised Herodias' daughter anything she should ask up to half of his kingdom.(14:6-9)

Down

1. Jesus _____ on the water.(14:24-27)
2. The disciples thought what they saw on the water was a _____.(14:26)
4. When Jesus entered the ship after walking on the water they called Jesus the _____ of God.(14:33)
5. How many basketfuls of food did the disciples take up from the feeding of the five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes?(14:20)
6. Jesus gave _____ before he fed the five thousand.(14:19)
7. After John was killed Jesus went to a _____ place.(14:13)
10. Herodias' daughter ask for John's _____.(14:8)

Lesson 12 - Across - 2. Branches, 5. Pearl,

6. Householder, 7. Treasure, 9. Wicked

Down - 1. Angels, 2. Burned, 3. Separate, 4. Leaven,

6. Honor, 8. Shine, 10. Dragnet

always our strength and we need to keep our eyes and hearts on him.

Questions

1. Why did Herod put John in Prison?
2. How did John's death come about?
3. Do we ever need to be alone? When?
4. Did Christ recognize the importance of Prayer?
5. How should we handle situations that do not allow us to do what we have planned? What should be our attitude? Can you give an Example.

6. Why did Peter begin to sink?

Match the Scripture with the Incident

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| | a. 14:1-2 | b. 14:3-5 |
| c. 14:6-11 | d. 14:12 | e. 14:13-14 |
| f. 14:15-16 | g. 14:19-21 | h. 14:24-27 |

_____ 1. John's disciples buried him.

_____ 2. We learn how John's death came about because of an oath made by Herod to his wife's daughter.

_____ 3. Jesus' disciples asked him to turn the crowd away, that the crowd might go eat but Jesus told the disciples to feed the crowd.

_____ 4. Herod thinks that Jesus is John the Baptist come back from the dead because of all the mighty works that are being done.

_____ 5. Jesus wanted to be alone after Learning of John's death but the crowds followed him.

_____ 6. Jesus disciples saw him walking on the water.

_____ 7. Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fishes.

_____ 8. We learn that John was in prison because he told Herod that he was not in a lawful marriage relationship and Herod spared John's life only because he feared the people.

Review

1. Why did Christ come to earth?(Matt. 1-2)
2. What does it mean to be a light to the world and the salt of the earth? How can we do that? (Matt. 5)
3. What did Jesus teach about prayer in Matthew 6?
4. Where does faith come from?(Romans 10:17)
5. What were the different soils found in the parable of the sower?(Matt. 13)
6. When Jesus sent his disciples out, what kind of people where they to stay with?(Matt. 10)
7. Is our intent in our actions important?(Matthew 5-7)
8. What can we learn from the temptation of Christ by Satan found in Matthew chapter 4?
9. What did we learn about temptation from James 1:12-15?
10. What is the only biblical reason for divorce?(Matthew 5:32)