

Bible Readings Book by Book week 22 – w/c 3/4/22

Week 22

Monday: Matthew 13:44-58. Pearls were so highly valued that the merchant sold everything to attain the pearl. What is the pearl of great price in your life and where does God fit into your value system?

Tuesday: Matthew 14:1-13. Why was Herod distressed (v9)? Certainly not because of concern for John as verse 5 makes clear. Probably he was concerned about the people's reaction and the political implications. In our treatment of others, we must be genuinely concerned for them, not just for how it will affect us!

Wednesday: Matthew 14:13-21. Jesus was upset about John's death, but when the crowds followed him, he had compassion for them. His concern for them overruled his own sense of need. There are times when the needs of others must take priority over our own personal need for rest.

Thursday: Matthew 14:22-36. In what area(s) is Jesus inviting you to step out of your comfort zone and 'walk on the water'? What is stopping you? Listen to Jesus, "Take courage! It is I, don't be afraid. Come".

Friday: Matthew 15:1-20. Jesus quotes Isaiah 29:13 in verses 8 and 9. What can you learn about God's view of worship from these verses? How can you avoid the danger of worshipping in a way that pleases you more than it pleases God?

Weekend: Matthew 15:21-39. Jesus seems to give a discouraging answer to the woman. This develops her faith and is revealed in her word of wisdom in verse 27. What does this teach you about how God responds and answers your prayers?