

# The Gospels

Matthew (3)

## Matt. 16:5-12

- <sup>5</sup> When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. <sup>6</sup> "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." <sup>7</sup> They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread." <sup>8</sup> Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? <sup>9</sup> Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? <sup>10</sup> Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? <sup>11</sup> How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." <sup>12</sup> Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

(Matt. 16:5-12 NIV)

# The context

- Metaphor - a figure of speech in which a word or phrase denoting one kind of object or action is used in place of another to suggest a likeness or analogy between them
- 14:13-21 – five thousand fed
- 14:22-36 – Jesus and Peter walk on water
- 15:1-12 – Pharisees and scribes ask about breaking traditions of elders – Jesus confronts them with breaking the law – Jesus offends them (Matt. 18:6 – the need to distinguish)
- 15:21-28 – faith of the Canaanite woman
- 15:29-38 – many healed and four thousand fed
- 16:1-4 – Pharisees and Sadducees tested him, asking for a sign.

# Matthew 5

- 5:20 – righteousness of the Pharisees
- 5:22 – “you fool” – 7:26; 23:17
- 5:29 – “gouge out eye”
- 5:33-37 – “swear not at all” – Matt. 26:63 – Leviticus 5:1; 2Cor. 11:31; Gal. 1:20
- 5:39 – “do not resist an evil person”
- 19:24 – “camel through the eye of a needle”
- 23:9 – “call not man ‘father’”
- Two mistakes to avoid in figurative language
  - Insist on taking it literally
  - Think it means nothing because it is figurative