



Introduction

We continue from Matthew 14 looking at Matthew's Gospel. Jesus gives lessons after being challenged by the religious leaders.



Questions

1. What does Jesus say their tradition causes the Pharisees and scribes to do?
2. What prophecy of Isaiah does Jesus say applies to the Pharisees and scribes?
3. What does Jesus say comes from our heart and what effect does this have on us?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 9** Jesus shows that the Pharisees and scribes are disobeying God because of their tradition. He uses a prophecy from Isaiah to show their heart is not right and their doctrines are man-made
- **v 10 to 20** Jesus points out that we are defiled by our thoughts and motives (see theme) not by what we eat
- **v 21 to 28** Jesus moves to the region of Tyre and Sidon (see map). He tells a Gentile woman who has a sick daughter that he was really sent to the house of Israel. He grants her request when she acknowledges her position. Jesus marvels at her faith
- **v 29 to 39** Jesus moves to a mountain near the sea of Galilee. Great crowds come to him for healing. After the crowds have been with him for three days, Jesus feeds 4,000 men and their families. After sending the crowds away he goes to Magdala by boat

Timeline 30 AD



Theme / Information

Examining our motives

A selection of verses showing that our natural inclinations are often opposed to God's commands.

The book of Proverbs tells us how devious our thinking can be:

Proverbs 16 verses 25 to 30

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us that we are inclined to carry on being evil because no immediate judgement follows:

Ecclesiastes 8 verse 11

Jesus tells us plainly what our natural inclinations are like:

Mark 7 verses 20 to 23

The apostle Paul warns Timothy about the dangers of wanting to be rich:

1 Timothy 6 verses 9 and 10



Israel in New Testament times

Map showing places in Israel including Tyre and Sidon



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3, Q 2: v 7 to 9, Q 3: v 19 and 20



Bible timeline

