

# Treasure Hunt

- Compare and contrast the Pharisees with the Sadducees.
- What is significant about the statement that they “tempted” the Lord?
- What OT example contrasts with the inability of the Jewish leaders to discern the signs of the times?
- What lesson does this OT example teach us?
- What two errors did the disciples make in misunderstanding the Lord’s words about “the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees”?

# The Proclamation of Jesus the King

Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom

1:1-4:16 The Person of Jesus the King

4:17-16:20 The Proclamation of Jesus the King

16:21-28:20 The Passion of Jesus the King

## 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, ..."

### 4:17-11:30 Call & Preparation of the Disciples

Calling	4:18-22 the <b>Four</b>	↑ ↑	9:36-10:4 the <b>Twelve</b>	↑	11:2-30 (28) <b>all</b>
Summary	4:23 <b>teaching</b> ... <b>preaching</b> ... <b>healing</b>	↑ ↓	9:35 <b>teaching</b> ... <b>preaching</b> ... <b>healing</b>	↑	11:1 <b>teach</b> ... <b>preach</b>
Training	ch. 5-7 <b>Teaching</b>		ch. 8-9 <b>Healing</b>		10:5-42 <b>Preaching</b>

### 12:1-13:58 The Great Schism

	Ch. 12	Ch. 13
Public Rejection	1-45, the Pharisees <b>reject the Lord</b>	1-52, the Lord <b>rejects unbelievers</b> (by hiding his teaching in parables)
Private Rejection	46-50, the Lord <b>rejects his family</b>	53-58, his home town <b>rejects the Lord</b>

### 14:1-16:20 Growing Opposition

- 14:1-12 **King Herod kills the Baptist**
- **14:13-36 Miracles**
- **15:1-28 Pharisaic Rejection**
- **15:29-39 Miracles**
- **16:1-12 Pharisaic Rejection**
- 16:13-20 **Peter confesses King Jesus**

# Confrontations with the Religious Establishment

	Ch. 15	Ch. 16
Challenge from the <b>Pharisees</b>	vv. 1-9 Then <b>came</b> to Jesus <b>scribes and Pharisees</b> , which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. ...	vv. 1-4 <b>The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came</b> , and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. ...
Instruction to the <b>multitude</b>	vv. 10-11 And he called <b>the multitude</b> , and said unto them, Hear, and understand: 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.	
Instruction to the <b>disciples</b>	vv. 12-20 Then <b>came his disciples</b> , and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? ...	vv. 5-12 And when <b>his disciples were come</b> to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. ...

# Pharisees and Sadducees

Act 5:17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

Mat 22:23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection,

Act 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.

## **In Acts:**

### Pharisees:

- 9% of NT references
- Either Paul or sympathetic

### Sadducees:

- 36% of references
- All antagonistic

# An OT Parallel

2 Sam 5:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

1Ch 12:32 Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command.

	Num 26	1 Chr 12	
Judah	76,500	6,800	
Simeon	22,200	7,100	
Levi	23,000	4,600	
Jehoiada		3,700	
Zadok			22 שָׂרִים (captains)
Benjamin	45,600	3,000	
Ephraim	32,500	20,800	
Manasseh (half)	52,700 (whole)	18,000	
<b>Issachar</b>	<b>64,300</b>		<b>200 ראשים (heads)</b>
Zebulun	60,500	50,000	
Naphtali	45,400	37,000	1000 שָׂרִים
Dan	64,400	28,600	
Asher	53,400	40,000	
2.5 across Jordan	Reuben: 43,730 Gad: 40,500	120,000	
Total	601,730	339,600	1222 heads & captains

# Sign of the Prophet Jonah

Mat 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:  
40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

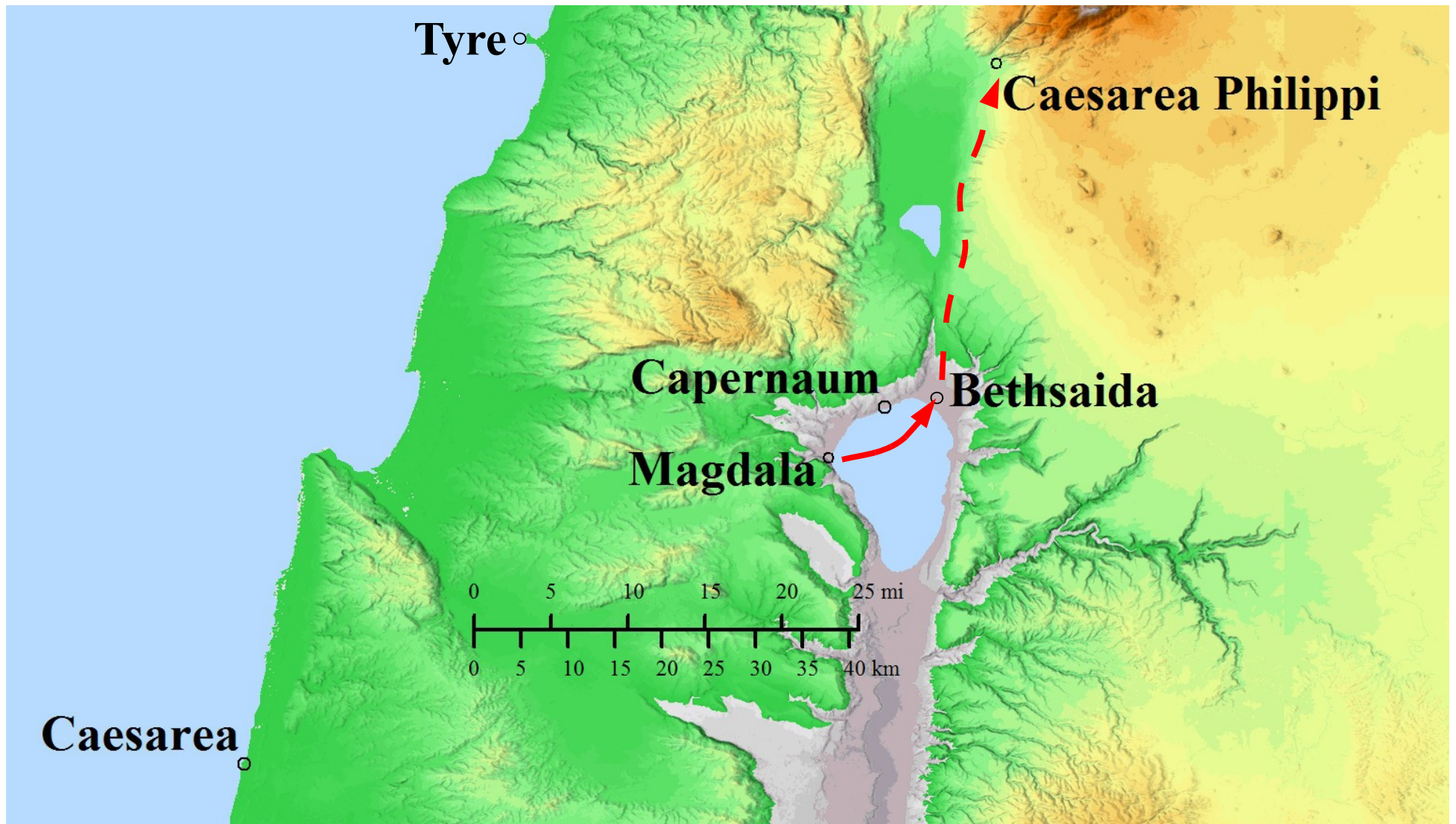
# He ... departed

Mat 10:14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

Mat 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. 15 But when Jesus knew *it*, **he withdrew himself** from thence:

Mat 15:21 Then Jesus went thence, and **departed** into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

# The Lord's Travels in 16:4-13



# Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees

## What they understood

Pro 23:6 Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

## Correcting two errors

Don't worry about physical needs:

Mat 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Little things can have big effects:

Mat 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.