

Ch 13

Theme – All people need to repent; Parable of the Barren Fig Tree; healing of women with demon-caused sickness (18 yrs); hard heart of hypocritical synagogue official (wants people fit their pain & healing around the Sabbath); Lord points out their hypocrisy; Parable of the Mustard Seed & Parable of Leaven; Lord teaching & person asks why so few responding; strive to enter through the Narrow Door; those who fail to enter through Narrow Door will watch Gentiles feast w/ the Patriarchs; Pharisees warn Jesus about Herod, but Lord is undeterred & focused on going to Jerusalem; Lord weeps over Jerusalem (will see same lament- Matt 23:37-39)

Ch 14

Theme – Pharisees set another trap (invited to another meal); Lord heals a man with dropsy (extreme, abnormal, painful swelling); Lord points out their hypocrisy; Lord watches people vying for position; if you choose the “lowest” seat, you won't be embarrassed & can only go up from there; invite people to a meal who cannot pay you back for Lord will repay you at resurrection of the righteous; Lord uses Parable of the Great Feast (different from Parable of Wedding Feast in Matt 22) to correct idea that Jewish people “automatically” get into Kingdom of God; people excluded from Great Feast because invited & “RSVP'd,” but refused to go when time; Master of house fills His house with people who can't pay Him back (symmetry between v13 & 21); heart of the Master is His house would be full; Lord explains to large crowd the cost of disciples (relationships, surrender of self, possessions); COUNT THE COST (v28); a disciple who stops following Jesus is like salt that lost its saltiness
