

# The Gospel of Matthew

## Class # 4 – February 11, 2014

### **THE OPPOSITION FROM ISRAEL**

1. The Messengers from John the Baptist (11:2-6)
2. Jesus' Testimony to John (11:7-19)
3. Reproaches to Unrepentant Towns (11:20-24)
4. The Praise of the Father (11:25-27)
5. The Gentle Mastery of Christ (11:28-30)
6. Picking Grain on the Sabbath (12:1-8)
7. The Man with the Withered Hand (12:9-14)
8. The Chosen Servant (12:15-21)
9. Jesus and Beelzebul (12:22-32)
10. A Tree and Its Fruits (12:33-37)
11. The Demand for a Sign (12:38-42)
12. The Return of the Unclean Spirit (12:43-45)
13. The True Family of Jesus (12:46-50)

### ***Discourse #3—The Parable Discourse***

14. The Parable of the Sower (13:1-9)
15. The Purpose of Parables (13:10-15)
16. The Privilege of Discipleship (13:16-17)
17. The Explanation of the Parable of the Sower (13:18-23)
18. The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat (13:24-30)
19. The Parable of the Mustard Seed (13:31-32)
20. The Parable of the Yeast (13:33)
21. The Use of Parables (13:34-35)
22. The Explanation of the Parable of the Weeds (13:36-43)
23. More Parables (13:44-50)
24. Treasures New and Old (13:51-53)

**Read the Gospel of Matthew from 11:2-15:53**

**Read The New Collegeville Bible Commentary pages 65-79 (optional)**

# Head, Heart, Hands

**Matthew 13:1-8 and 13:18-23—The Parable of the Sower and Explanation of the Parable of the Sower**

## Head

Try to summarize the text without looking back at the text. Answer the questions of who? What? Where? When? Name the people involved.

## Heart

Write the meaning of the text. Describe the spiritual meaning of the text that transcends time and culture.

## Hands

How does it call you to respond today? How are you challenged by the Gospel?

# Write the text and a running reflection

Matthew 12:-46-50 **The True Family of Jesus**

Copy the text word for word.

What strikes you during your reading?

## Sharing Faith

Share faith on the following text.  
Matthew 13:24-30 and 13:36-43

# Comparing Texts

## Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

### **Matthew (12:9-14)**

Moving on from there, he went into their synagogue. And behold, there was a man there who had a withered hand. They questioned him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep that falls into a pit on the sabbath will not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable a person is than a sheep. So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against him to put him to death.

### **Mark (3:1-6)**

Again he entered the synagogue. There was a man there who had a withered hand. They watched him closely to see if he would cure him on the sabbath so that they might accuse him. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Come up here before us." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?" But they remained silent. Looking around at them with anger and grieved at their hardness of heart, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against him to put him to death.

### **Luke (6:6-11)**

On another sabbath he went into the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him closely to see if he would cure on the sabbath so that they might discover a reason to accuse him. But he realized their intentions and said to the man with the withered hand, "Come up and stand before us." And he rose and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?" Looking around at them all, he then said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so and his hand was restored. But they became enraged and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.