

Treasures New and Old (51-52)

disciples claim to understand (!)
Jesus compares scribe trained in kingdom to householder
who shows off his treasures, both old and new

Growing Polarization (13:53-16:12)

Rejection at Nazareth (13:53-58)

same incident as Mk 6:1-6, but not as Lk 4:16-30
couldn't understand source of Jesus' wisdom
don't consider what his miracles might say about this
Jesus won't/can't do many miracles on acct of their unbelief
Lessons:

hardness of heart in face of powerful evidence
linkage of faith and God's work

Death of John the Baptist (14:1-12)

account given as flashback to explain Herod's theory
John imprisoned for criticizing Herod's marriage
Herod wanted to kill him, but afraid to
tricked by wife Herodias and her daughter
Herod's theory prob an indicator of his guilty conscience
story reaches Jesus via John's disciples

Lessons:

danger of confronting sin
warning of what Jesus is to face

Feeding the Five Thousand (14:13-21)

Jesus wants to get away from crowds due to news above
but they follow him
Jesus has compassion on crowd, heals many
Feeds them instead of sending them away
with more leftovers than original food!

Lessons:

prophet like Moses: feeding in wilderness, but some
features more impressive than manna
Jesus' compassion

Walking on Water (14:22-33)

sends disciples off in boat & dismisses crowd (John 6:15
explains)
spends several hours alone in prayer (temptation? prep for
coming crucifixion?)
walks to them on water sometime after 3 AM
Peter's request and failure

Lessons:

Jesus flees temptation?
Jesus rescues his disciples
Jesus encourages Peter's faith and rebukes his
weakness