



DAILY READINGS

THREE CHAPTERS. THREE SECTIONS.
ONE FRAMEWORK. EVERY DAY.

DAY 14

MATTHEW 14 - ROMANS 14 - ACTS 14



ABOUT THIS BRIEF

WHY WE PUT THIS TOGETHER

Every day of the 88-Day New Testament Bible Study covers three chapters across three different sections of the New Testament simultaneously. The reading plan was designed so that each day you experience the Kingdom gospel, the grace gospel, and the transition between them side by side. But without context, those three chapters can feel disconnected or even contradictory. The daily summaries exist to bridge that gap showing you why it matters and how it connects to the bigger picture.

We put these together because rightly dividing the word of truth is not just a concept to understand once and move on. It is a lens to apply every single day. Each summary identifies which section of the framework you are reading in, what the primary audience is, and how that day's three chapters speak to each other across different administrations of God's plan.

A NOTE ON USE

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INTRODUCTION

Matthew 14 continues to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised King, displaying His compassion and divine authority through miraculous signs such as feeding the five thousand, walking on the water, and healing the sick.

Romans 14 demonstrates how the gospel of the grace of God shapes relationships within the Body of Christ. Rather than living under legalistic rules or judging one another over matters of personal conviction, believers are called to walk in love, protect one another's consciences, and pursue peace.

Acts 14 shows Paul and Barnabas carrying the gospel throughout Asia Minor, enduring persecution while strengthening new believers and establishing local churches. The emphasis is increasingly on building stable congregations as the transition progresses.

Matthew 14	Romans 14	Acts 14
Jesus demonstrates His Kingdom power through miracles	Believers practice grace, unity, and love within the Body of Christ	Paul establishes churches among the Gentiles despite persecution
The King feeds the multitudes and walks on the water	Christian liberty is governed by love	Paul strengthens disciples and appoints elders
Kingdom signs continue confirming the Messiah	Believers avoid judging one another over disputable matters	The gospel spreads through Paul's missionary ministry
Israel continues to witness the King's compassion and authority	Grace promotes peace and mutual edification	The transition advances through the growth of Gentile churches



MATTHEW 14 - THE KING'S COMPASSION

Theme

Jesus continues demonstrating that He is Israel's promised King through miraculous signs while the nation's rejection continues.

Outline

1. The Death of John the Baptist (vv. 1–12)
 - Herod executes John the Baptist.
 - The forerunner of the King is rejected and martyred.
 - John's death foreshadows the rejection of Jesus.
2. Feeding the Five Thousand (vv. 13–21)
 - Jesus has compassion on the multitude.
 - He miraculously feeds over five thousand people.
 - This miracle reveals the King's power to provide for His people.
3. Jesus Walks on the Water (vv. 22–33)
 - Jesus demonstrates authority over creation.
 - Peter briefly walks on the water before doubting.
 - The disciples worship Jesus, declaring: "Of a truth thou art the Son of God."
4. Healing at Gennesaret (vv. 34–36)
 - Multitudes bring the sick to Jesus.
 - All who touch the border of His garment are healed.

Kingdom Emphasis

- Audience: Israel.
- Jesus continues proclaiming and demonstrating the Kingdom through miraculous signs.
- His compassion, provision, and miracles confirm that He is the promised Messiah, even as national rejection continues to grow.



ROMANS 14 - WALKING IN GRACE

Theme

Paul teaches believers to exercise love, liberty, and mutual acceptance in matters of personal conviction.

Outline

1. Receive One Another (vv. 1–12)
 - Welcome believers who differ on non-essential matters.
 - Do not judge another servant of God.
 - Every believer is accountable to the Lord.
2. Use Liberty with Love (vv. 13–23)
 - Avoid causing another believer to stumble.
 - Pursue peace and edification.
 - Exercise Christian liberty with consideration for others.
 - Whatever is not of faith is sin.

Grace Emphasis

- Romans 14 teaches believers how to live together in the Body of Christ.
- Grace produces humility, patience, and love rather than legalism.
- Instead of judging one another over personal convictions, believers are called to build one another up and preserve unity in Christ.



ACTS 14 - SUFFERING AND STRENGTHENING

Theme

Paul and Barnabas continue their first missionary journey, preaching the gospel, enduring persecution, and establishing local assemblies.

Outline

1. Ministry at Iconium (vv. 1–7)
 - Many Jews and Gentiles believe.
 - Opposition arises, forcing Paul and Barnabas to leave.
2. Ministry at Lystra (vv. 8–20)
 - Paul heals a man crippled from birth.
 - The people mistakenly worship Paul and Barnabas as gods.
 - Paul redirects their attention to the living God.
 - Jewish opponents stone Paul and leave him for dead, but he survives and continues ministering.
3. Strengthening the Disciples (vv. 21–28)
 - Paul and Barnabas revisit the new believers.
 - They encourage them to continue in the faith.
 - Elders are appointed in every church.
 - They report God's work among the Gentiles upon returning to Antioch.

Transition Emphasis

- Acts 14 demonstrates the rapid expansion of Paul's ministry among the Gentiles.
- Although miraculous signs still accompany the ministry, the emphasis increasingly shifts to preaching, teaching, strengthening believers, and establishing local churches.
- The transition from Israel's Kingdom program toward the widespread ministry of grace continues to unfold through Paul's missionary work.



2 Timothy 2:15

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth. (AMPC)



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