

Week 4: *January 27 (Jan. 20–Jan. 26)*

- Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream; saves Egypt from famine
- Joseph's family reunites; lives in Egypt
- We begin the book of Exodus; the birth of Moses
- Moses kills a man and hides the body
- Moses flees to Midian; becomes shepherd; marries Zipporah
- The Burning Bush: standing on holy ground
- Moses called by God; responds like a good Presbyterian - "Thanks for thinking of me, but you'd better ask someone else"
- Jesus teaches by parable - why? Why not OT laws & rules?
- "Angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will weeping and gnashing of teeth." How shall we interpret?
- Reference to Jesus' brothers: James, Joseph, Simon & Judas; also reference to Jesus' sisters, though none named.
- The feeding of the 5,000. Actually, more accurate to call it the feeding of the 15,000, or even 20,000. Why?
- Jesus walks on water; Peter tries it - doesn't go well. Jesus shows he has a temper: "You of little faith. Why did you doubt?"
- Ritual hand-washing before eating
- "It is not what goes in, but what comes out of the mouth that defiles."
- "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me"
- Harsh parable: "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."
- The feeding of the 4,000; more accurate to call this the feeding of the 12,000, or 16,000. Why?
- Clarification: who are the Pharisees and who are the Sadducees? What is the Sanhedrin?
- Peter, the Rock, given the keys; "Get behind me Satan!"
- "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."
- The Transfiguration: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"
- Elijah = John the Baptizer?
- Jesus shows his temper yet again: "How long shall I put up with you?"
- Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- Proverbs: Get wisdom