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Description

Excerpt:

Just as the Holy Ghost selects certain parables in Mark which are inserted, while others are left out, and the same in Luke: so also was it the case in Matthew. The Holy Ghost is conveying fully God's mind about the new testimony, commonly called Christianity and even Christendom. Accordingly, the very beginning of this chapter prepares us for the new scene.

"The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side," (v.1). Up to this time the house of God dwelt as far as this could be said of the earth; He counted it as His habitation. But Jesus went out of the house, and sat by the sea side. We all know that the sea, in the symbolic language of the Old and New Testaments, is used to represent masses of men, roving hither and thither outside, and not under the settled government of God." And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship and sat."

From thence He teaches them: "And the whole multitude stood on the shore," (v.2). The very action of our Lord indicated that there was to be a very widespread testimony. ...

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