

Four “Withdraw” Cycles
Matthew 14—17

	Ministry	Opposition	Withdrawal
Cycle 1 (11:1—13:53)	[<i>Jesus’ healing</i> (8—9)] [<i>Jesus sends out the twelve</i> (10)]	Israel rejected Jesus (11—12) Now speaks in parables (13)	And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there (13:53)
Cycle 2 (13:54—14:13)	Taught in synagogue (13:54)	Rejected in Nazareth (13:55-58) Murder of John the Baptist (14:1-12)	Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself (14:13)
Cycle 3 (14:14—15:21)	Fed five thousand (14:13b-21) Still stormy sea (14:22-33) Healed the sick (14:34-36)	Oral tradition of Pharisees (15:1-20)	And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. (15:21)
Cycle 4 (15:22—16:4)	Canaanite woman (15:22-28) Healed the sick (15:29-31) Fed four thousand (15:32-38)	Pharisees demand sign (16:1-4)	So he left them and departed. (16:4b)
	Taught disciples (16:5-12) Peter’s confession (16:13-20)	Passion prediction (16:21) “Get behind me, Satan!” (16:22-27)	