

Matthew Lesson 14

14:1-12 John the Baptist Beheaded

1. What superstitious belief did wicked King Herod have about Jesus?
2. Why had Herod arrested John the Baptist?
3. How do we know that John was a faithful sharer of God's Word among the Jews?
4. Why couldn't Herod take back his promise to give the daughter of Herodias anything she asked for?

James 5:12—Above all, my brothers, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your “Yes” be yes, and your “No,” no, or you will be condemned.

Second Commandment—You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

14:13-21 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

5. According to verse 14 why did Jesus concern himself with all the people who came to him?
6. How did the disciples want to treat the people? How is this different from Jesus?
7. What do we learn from this miracle?
8. What unit of measure does the Lord teach us to use in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

14:22-36 Jesus Walks on the Water

9. What activity did Jesus do after he sent his disciples off in the boat? What does this teach us?

10. When Jesus came to the disciples by walking on water what did the disciples think they were seeing?

Notice how Jesus quickly speaks to the disciples to calm their fear. We learn that God will not be the cause of fear for people.

11. What does Peter do upon learning this was Jesus?

12. How is Peter an example to us?

13. Why did Peter begin to sink? What does this teach us?

14. What did the disciples do when Jesus came into the boat?

15. Once the boat reached shore, why did people come to Jesus?