

## Matthew 14a

### Herod and John the Baptist

[[ Matthew 14:1 ]] At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

He's called Antipas.

**Herod Antipas:** Jewish leader, ruler of Galilee and Peraea between 4 BCE and 39 CE.

Herod Antipas was the son of the Jewish king [Herod the Great](#) and his wife Malthace; he was full brother of [Archelaus](#) and a half brother of [Philip](#). With his brothers Archelaus and Philip, he was educated in Rome, a kind of honorable detention to guarantee his father's loyalty. In his father's testament, Herod Antipas was appointed tetrarch of Galilee and Peraea (the east bank of the Jordan). The Roman emperor Augustus confirmed this decision and Antipas' reign could begin (4 BCE).

Herod Antipas was a Jewish leader, or liked to pose as a Jewish leader. For example, he is known to have celebrated Passover and Sukkoth in Jerusalem. Unfortunately, his subjects were not convinced by their leader's piety. [Jesus of Nazareth](#) compared him to a fox, an animal that was ritually unclean.

He was first married to Phasaelis, a daughter of Aretas IV, an [Arabian](#) leader. Later, he divorced her in order to marry Herodias. She had been the wife of Herod Antipas' half-brother (who was also called Herod). Marriage to the ex-wife of one's brother was not uncommon, but Herodias was also the daughter of another half-brother, Aristobulus. Marriage to one's niece was also permitted, but marriage to a woman who was both one's sister-in-law and one's niece was most unusual. According to the *Gospel of Mark*, John the Baptist criticized the king and was consequently killed. Herod Antipas' subjects were convinced that the war with Aretas that broke out in 36, and the Arabian successes during this war, were a divine punishment ([text](#)).

Herod divorced his wife to marry the wife of his half brother. A soap opera. He is a wicked sinner.

There are at least three generations of Herods in the New Testament, and from each generation there is at least two mentioned. Herod's family tree is unusual in that you have daughters that marry great uncles.

This is not Herod the Great found in Matthew 2. He was Idumean, not Jewish. He was in power because of his politics with Rome.

When he died he was succeeded by [Herod Archelaus](#), the Tetrarch of Judea, Samaria, and Idumea. Then [Philip of Trachonitis](#).

Then Herod Antipas, the one we are discussing in this passage. The Tetrarch of Galilee and Paria.

The fourth was another Philip, who was east of the Jordan (mentioned in Luke 3:1).

Philip tetrarch of Ituraea

Herod Antipas was married to the daughter of King Aretas of Arabia.

*But being married to this Arabian daughter of an Arab King was sort of academic because he lived in open adultery with his brother Phillip's wife, Herodius.*

And that is what John the Baptist kept preaching against.

Herod Antipas is succeeded by Herod Agrippa, he is the one that starts the Christian persecutions in Jerusalem. (Acts 12) He has a son that is also named Agrippa.

Herod fears that Jesus is John the Baptist raised from the dead

[[ Matthew 14:2 ]] And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is **risen from the dead**; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

'risen from the dead' - His conscience is bothering him because he had John the baptist put to death.

Matthew 14:10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. This man is guilty of premeditated murder and his conscience is bothering him.

Though this may seem unreasonable in retrospect, Herod's superstitious manner leads him to this fear.

## Herod's cruel treatment of John the Baptist

Herod tried to silence him by throwing him in prison.

Herodius had more ambitious plans, she wanted his head, literally! Her daughter, Salome, danced before the King. Apparently it was the style of the King at such occasions to grant a broad wish if he is pleased. Herodius had planned for this occasion. Salome requested (by the prompting of her mother) for the head of John the Baptist on a silver platter. Herod was upset because he did not want to do this for political reasons, but he had committed himself. Salome was married to her great uncle Phillip (mentioned in Luke 3).

Philip tetrarch of Ituraea

[[ Matthew 14:3 ]] For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put [him] in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

**For personal gain and a woman he did a wicked thing, as David did in his desire for Bathsheba. It overrides your common sense when you lust after carnal things. Woman, money and position. David - a woman Eve - education**

1Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and [into] many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

**- can apply this to any situaion, when you are not content with what you have. Thats why men go to hell. Thats what keeps unsaved men lost and Christians from being in the will of God. They want to do something that God doesn't want them to do. If you have salvation you never run out of things; the book is infinite.**

[[ Matthew 14:4 ]] For John said unto him, **It is not lawful** for thee to have her.

John knew his intentions regarding her.

*Leviticus 18:16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it [is] thy brother's nakedness.*

- its not lawful to have your brother's wife. It bugged Herodius. If you start exposing sin, people will plot to get rid of you.

[[ Matthew 14:5 ]] And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

Afraid to kill him, afraid not to kill him. Also true of Jesus -

Matthew 21:26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

The Pharisees didnt touch him because he had great sway as a prophet. Jerry Fallwell is handled carefully. The government cant get rid of him because of the fears of the people.

**He fears his conscience - verse 2**

**He fears John - verse 4**

**He fears the multitude - verse 5**

**He fears ridicule - verse 9**

**He fears losing Herodius - verse 3**

### **A man should only have one fear - God - hard to apply**

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

**otherwise you face complex situations that you can't work out**

Herod imprisons John for his bold rebuke of his sin, yet will not kill him out of fear of the multitudes. We see Herod to be like many, especially politicians: **fearing the multitude before fearing God; the only check on Herod's behavior is the fear of man.**

[[ Matthew 14:6 ]] But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. 'birthday' - always in a carnal, pagan context.

*Genesis 40:20 And it came to pass the third day, [which was] Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.*

*Genesis 40:21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:*

*Genesis 40:22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.*

*Genesis 40:23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.*

'danced' - probably a burlesque - people dont react to simpler things - the movies must be more and more explicit. Probably suggestive.

Herodias' daughter shamelessly dances before Herod and friends, winning favor and a special request; so John is beheaded at Herodias' request. We should never cease to be amazed at the lengths some will go to in easing the guilt they feel; Herodias hopes that the killing of John will ease her guilt - instead it adds to it.

[[ Matthew 14:7 ]] Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

A wide-open opportunity for the devil.

*Ecclesiastes 5:5 Better [is it] that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.*

[[ Matthew 14:8 ]] And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

Her mother is a plotting, scheming woman. The plan was to kill John. 'charger' - a deep wooden bowl

Only a hardened person could think like that.

[[ Matthew 14:9 ]] And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded [it] to be given [her].

**[[ Matthew 14:10 ]] And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.**

[[ Matthew 14:11 ]] And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought [it] to her mother.

[[ Matthew 14:12 ]] And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

There is decapitation in here. John would have been Elijah had the Jew accepted. Elijah and Moses get their head cut off in the trib. So the type is here. The type of the antichrist (herod).

Revelation 11:3 And I will give [power] unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Revelation 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Revelation 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Revelation 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Revelation 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

Revelation 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for

the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

**Jesus departs, not wishing to run afoul of Herod; again, this is not from cowardice, but from an understanding of the Father's timing, and prophetic timing.**

[ [ Matthew 14:13 ] ] When Jesus heard [of it], he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard [thereof], they followed him on foot out of the cities.

**Jesus avoids the region of Herod the Tetrarch and stays in the region of Phillip. (Until the right time.)**

**Jesus goes by boat, on the Sea of Galilee. Can go by foot around the Sea, it's just a many mile journey.**

## Jesus feeds the 5,000 - Jesus' compassion for the multitude

[[ Matthew 14:14 ]] And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was **moved with compassion** toward them, and he **healed** their sick.

'compassion' -

**Hebrews 4:15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin.

'healed' - **Another case of apostolic healing. The multitude came to Him, unlike the healers of today. Do it the Bible way.**

**Christ's emotions were aroused. He was affected physically.**

[[ Matthew 14:15 ]] And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a **desert** place, and **the time is now past**; send the multitude **away**, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

Where He feeds the 5,000 (men) plus women and children too. Recorded in all 4 gospels, one of the few events.

'desert' - This place is deserted, no natural protection.

'away' - not enough to feed them

'victuals' - bread meat in Luke 9:13. The Bible defines its own terms.

**Food for the body can be meat.** Its not necessarily defined as flesh in the Bible. Don't redefine them to match our depraved culture.

Luke 9:13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy **meat** for all this people.

'the time is now past' - getting dark, feeding Israel in the trib?

(the disciples)

[[ Matthew 14:16 ]] But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; **give ye them to eat.**

He gives them a job that they can't possibly do.

**We see Jesus challenging the compassion and faith of the disciples when He asks them, You give them something to eat; yet He will not ask them to do with without guiding them through it.**

## Jesus distributes bread to the multitude

[[ Matthew 14:17 ]] And they say unto him, We have here but **five** loaves, and two fishes.

*John 6:7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.*

*John 6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,*

John 6:9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

2Corinthians 2:16 To the one [we are] the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who [is] sufficient for these things?

Why five loaves and two fishes? Five is number of grace. Notice that wherever we see the number five used in scripture it is in a place suggestive of the Grace of God. Two is the number of witness. Two witnesses are seen in Joshua, in Revelation, etc.

**'five' - the number of grace (some say 'death') Is that really Bible?**

**60 pillars surround the tabernacle (5X12)12=perfect government\*grace  
abram -> Abraham (5<sup>th</sup> Hebrew letter changed)**

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

**The Israelis left Egypt in ranks of 5**

**The 5 senses are a blessing**

"FIVE SMOOTH STONES" were chosen by David when he went to meet the giant enemy of Israel

1Samuel 17:40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling [was] in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

Any kind of ministry God calls you to that's what you can savour? If God is in the ministry, you will always have enough.

[[ Matthew 14:18 ]] He said, Bring them hither to me.

**The answer for every problem. When you can't handle it, bring it to Jesus.**

[[ Matthew 14:19 ]] And he commanded the multitude to **sit** down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he **blessed**, and brake, and gave the loaves to [his] disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

**'sit' -**

Mark 6:39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

**God is very orderly.**

**'bless'** - God only uses what He blesses. He will bless you first than break you. God sometimes breaks a preacher to an empty vessel and then fills it with what he wants. A preacher isn't worth anything unless God has broken him at sometimes in his life. God doesn't want you to use your talents and abilities. Then He fills you with His talents and abilities and then He fills you with himself.



This miracle displays Jesus' total authority over creation; it is far beyond what could be expected from even a Spirit-filled man.

Jesus also shows us that God has resources that we know nothing about; we tend to only have faith when we can "figure out" how God might provide.

### The multitudes are fed

[[ Matthew 14:20 ]] And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

**Dispensationally, this is a picture of Him feeding Israel in the wilderness during the trib. They are in a desert place here, He's feeding them supernaturally, looking to heaven, feeding them bread, the manna from heaven. It will literally and figuratively come down from heaven during the tribulation.**

Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

Revelation 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

Revelation 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Revelation 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and [to] his throne.

Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days.

Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Revelation 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man [child].

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

**He is feeding them supernaturally.**

Micah 7:14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily [in] the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed [in] Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

Jeremiah 50:19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

Jeremiah 50:20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and [there shall be] none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

Ezekiel 20:35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

Lamentations 5:9 We gat our bread with [the peril of] our lives because of the sword of the wilderness.

**Psalms 74:14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, [and] gavest him [to be] meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.**

**Leviathan will be used to feed the people in the wilderness.**

**Teach the word of God. It is the spiritual manna that fills people up. Thats doing it God's way. It fills and finishes with abundance to God's glory. In most Baptist churches its the preacher or the power of money that gets the glory. Only God can get the glory. If you do it His way the people will get fed and filled and He will get the glory.**

1Peter 4:11 If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**Your ministry is to bring glory to God, not to your talents and public relations. Else you have the wrong ministry.**

[[ Matthew 14:21 ]] And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

Why did the Lord do this? Practical dimension, a lot of people came a long way to hear Him, so He made sure that their needs were met.

Why 12 baskets left over? Maybe to teach the twelve disciples a lesson, one for each to take home... 12 apostles, 12 Tribes, perhaps speaking of Israel.

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## **Principles for God's provision**

- Thank God for, and wisely use what you have.
- Trust God's unlimited resources – don't try and 'figure out' how he provides.

- Don't waste what He gives you.

### Jesus walks on the water and comforts His disciples

#### Another storm on the Sea of Galilee

[[ Matthew 14:22 ]] And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the **other side**, while he sent the multitudes away.

'**other**' - across the sea of Galilee to Capernaum. Around the sea of Galilee.

[[ Matthew 14:23 ]] And when he had sent the multitudes away, he **went up** into a mountain apart to pray: and when the **evening was come**, he was there alone.

'**went up**' -

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

'**evening was come**' -

1Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

1Thessalonians 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

[[ Matthew 14:24 ]] But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the **wind** was contrary.

The disciples were out there by themselves.

'**wind**' -

Ephesians 4:14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

The leaven of doctrine keeps you from the will of God.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 **He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.**

### Jesus comes to both help and comfort His disciples

[[ Matthew 14:25 ]] And in the **fourth watch** of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

**Watches** - The periods into which the time between sunset and sunrise was divided. They are so called because watchmen relieved each other at each of these periods. There are frequent references in Scripture to the duties of watchmen who were appointed to give notice of the approach of an enemy.

Mark 13:34 [For the Son of man is] as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

'as' - He is going to teach us something

'far journey' - back to heaven

'house' - Israel

'servants'- apostles, Acts

'porter' -

John 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

Mark 13:35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

'cometh' - second coming

'even' - six to nine

'midnight' -9 to 12

'cockcrowing' - 12 to 3

'morning' - 3 to 6

Showing the second coming will take place (3-6). The rapture and the second coming. 2000 years. (1 thess 5) We are in the nighttime. We have light. We are like the moon that reflects the light of the sun. We dont have any light in us. Its nighttime. We don't have any light in us. We are as the moon (Song of Solomon 5 or 6). We are in the last 5 minutes of the 5th hour. (taped earlier) 500 years equals 3 hours. We are that close to the second coming.

Song of Solomon 6:10 Who [is] she [that] looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, [and] terrible as [an army] with banners?

'moon' -

Revelation 19:14 And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

The moon is dead to the world. We reflect the light of the sun. Jesus comes as a thief in the night.

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See now John 9. A greater teaching. Also a practical teaching.

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

When Jesus went up into the mountain, the light went out and we began a period of night. Evening, midnight, cock crowing, morning. All listed in Mark 13.

Mark 13:36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.  
Mark 13:37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.  
When Christ comes back its considered the sunrise. The 4 watches of the night are over with. (4 500 year segments).

**A picture of the second coming or the rapture of the church. Application to both the Church and the Jew. Mark 13 talks about the 4 watches in the night. He comes back in the 4th watch. The nighttime is the church age. Jesus is in intercession on Mount Zion. Up into a mountain to pray. His disciples are in the ship, the ark. They are in the sea of trouble. The church age in the nighttime. We are tossed about by the wind and waves. He will come back in the fourth watch. They were broke down into periods of 500 years each. The church age lasts 2000 years according to 2Peter and Genesis 1. The period of 500-1500 in our period was called the dark ages. There you had light and morning. The second coming is said to be as the morning (Hosea 6, Malichi 4).**

[[ Matthew 14:26 ]] And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

**This walking on the water is another miracle that shows Jesus to be more than a man; it displays His authority over all creation.**

In the 4th watch.

That will be true of the rapture. Many will be surprised when He comes.

Job 4:15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

- a spirit has an undiscernable form

'spirit' - the new Bibles say 'ghost'. Its not the same thing. We are angels.

We will have a body like Christ. He is the angel of the Lord.

Genesis 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

Genesis 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which [were] under the firmament from the waters which [were] above the firmament: and it was so.

Genesis 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

**Psalms 148:4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that [be] above the heavens.**

**Job 41:31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.**

- defines the great deeps as the sea. Another word for the great deeps is the sea. Jesus will come to us walking on the sea. In in the 4th

watch. Exactly what He will be doing in the second coming and in the Rapture. He will be caught up through the sea as Israel came through the Red Sea, delivered out of Egypt. God parted the Red Sea. When we go through the great deeps it will part. Pharaoh and his army drowned. The rapture will be the same as Exodus. The OT has all the pictures and types of prophecy.

[[ Matthew 14:27 ]] But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

**God scares us at times. But it's the Lord doing good things.**

### Peter's bold move and resulting lack of faith

[[ Matthew 14:28 ]] And Peter answered him and said, Lord, **if** it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

'if' - kind of like Satan questioning

Matthew 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, **If** thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, **If** thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in [their] hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

[[ Matthew 14:29 ]] And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

[[ Matthew 14:30 ]] But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

'wind' - a type of something contrary to us. Jesus asks us to do things that we can do them until we start looking at all the problems. Then you begin to sink. That's his intention. That's the teaching.

'afraid' - not trusting

'save' - that's faith. He turned to Jesus. The other 11 never got out of the boat. Short prayers are sometimes long enough.

[[ Matthew 14:31 ]] And **immediately** Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little **faith**, wherefore didst thou **doubt**?

'immediately' - Jesus acts fast

'faith' - all it takes to get saved

**This is quite a picture of walking in faith, showing that we must keep our eyes on Jesus (not on the storm) to keep afloat.**

**But even when Peter failed, Jesus was there to save him; Peter knew who to call out to at the moment of crisis.**

'doubt' - a lack of faith

Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because [he eateth] not of faith: for whatsoever [is] not of faith is sin.

**The devil always places doubt. The Lord always places faith. You doubt if you are confused and God is not the author of confusion.**

**A double-minded man sinks. He should have been single-minded.**

**James 1:8 A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways.**

**Keep your eyes on the purpose.**

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Christians worry about how they've messed things up in the past. Confess them and go on, forget them or they will sink you. If God says 'come' He will give you the ability to do it. /\* whatever it is \*/**

[[ Matthew 14:32 ]] And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. 'ceased' - peace

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

If Jesus does the job peace always is the result.

Isaiah 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

**The disciples display the logical reaction: they worship Jesus**

[[ Matthew 14:33 ]] Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

**The Son of God manifests Himself by putting you in situations where it takes His power to get you out.**

## Multitudes are healed as they touch Jesus

[[ Matthew 14:34 ]] And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

[[ Matthew 14:35 ]] And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

[[ Matthew 14:36 ]] And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

In Jesus healing ministry no matter what He does to them He heals them.

God wants our worship. There is a plan and a method that produces worship. Its not just going to church.

1) He calls us to the impossible. Then He tells us all things are possible through Him. Get saved nad live a sepatrated life. Thats near an impossible ministry.

2) He lets usthink and sink in our iown wisdom. He allows us to fail. lets us think and sink in our own wisdom. Shows us we need him.

3) He waits for us to call.

4) He delivers immeadiately. Shows His power and omnipresence. That separates Him from the course of human ability.

5) He does it immeadiately ans supernatural. No one lese can get the credit. Peace follows and it brings peace and worship. You really appreciate God when He gets you out of a mess.

Thats what reveals God.

The world is red tape.

Even the hem of Jesus' garment provides an important point of contact for their faith; like Paul's sweatbands ([Acts 19:11-12](#)) and Peter's shadow ([Acts 5:15](#)), Jesus' hem provided a physical object that helped them to believe God for healing at that moment.

Acts 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

Acts 19:12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 5:15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid [them] on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.