

# You Give Them Something To Eat (Matthew 14:1-36)

- I. John the Baptist Beheaded (1-12)
  - II. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand (13-21)
  - III. Jesus Walks on the Water (22-36)
- Individualism and the Kingdom of God
  - “Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” (William Carey)

# Introduction

- Review/Preview of Matthew
  - 1-2; 1<sup>st</sup> 3-4=>5-7; 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-9=>10; 3<sup>rd</sup> 11-12=>13
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Narrative-Discourse 14-17 => *18 Community*
    1. 14:1-16:20 The Identity of Messiah Revealed
    2. 16:21-17:27 The Suffering of Messiah Revealed
- Final days of John the Baptist/Jesus/Paul
- What would your last days be like?
  - “You Give Them Something To Eat” (16)
  - “Take Courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” (27)
  - “You of little faith. Why did you doubt?” (31)

# The Martyrdom of John the Baptist (1-12)

- The Greatest Born of Women (11:11)
- Why/How He Died in Prison
- Impact of His Life and Death
- Herod Antipas the tetrarch; the king (1-2, 9)
  - **Fear** of People; Jesus as John the Baptist Risen!
- Flashback: Influence of Women (3-12)
  - John's Imprisonment and Execution (3-5, 8-12)
  - Herod's oath to the **daughter** of **Herodias** (6-7)

# Jesus Feeds 5,000 (13-21)

- The Only Miracle Recorded in All Four Gospels
- Why – Significance of this Miraculous Sign
- Lessons of the Nature “Miracle in the Desert”
  - ❖ *“You Give Them Something To Eat.”* (16)
  - ❖ Role of *“Five Loaves and Two Fish”* (17-18)
  - ❖ *Thanksgiving Prayer* (19a; Rom 1:21, Phil 4:6, 1Ti 4:4; Grumblings in Numbers 21:5)
  - ❖ *Role of Disciples: Distributing Channel* (19b)
  - Abundant Feast+Twelve basketfuls (20-21; 8:11)

# Jesus Walks on the Water (22-36)

- Relationship with the Miracle of Feeding 5,000
  - Nature Miracles => Jesus as Messiah-Creator
- Disciples' Situations and Jesus' Prayer (22-23)
  - Ruined Vacation but the Unforgettable Miracle
  - Downturn to Death Struggle in Storms (24-27)
- Peter's Courage and Fear (28-31)
  - Peter's Great Faith to Get Out of the Boat
  - Peter's Little Faith—Why Doubt?
- All who Touched Him were Healed (32-36)

# Applications: “Shepherd” Training

## You Give Them Something To Eat

- **“Through You” Why Me? (Discipleship)**
- **What Do You Have? (Offerings to Jesus)**
- **Thanksgiving Prayer and Obedient Faith**
- **Do Not Waste Your Life (“Let Nothing Be Wasted.” -- John 6:12)**
  - **Time, Money, Gifts/Talents, Life (Stewardship)**
  - **Expect Great Things From God (Great Faith);  
Attempt Great Things For God (Small Best)**
- ❖ **“Into the Heart of Jesus”**