

Matthew Lesson 14

The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 14:1-21

Historical background – Chapter 13 ended with Jesus spending time in his hometown of Nazareth. Jesus was a “prophet”, but he wasn’t welcomed there.

Vocabulary

- Herod the tetrarch
- Herodias
- miraculous
- prompted
- distress
- solitary
- compassion
- remote

Questions about Chapter 14

1. Herod (Antipas) the tetrarch governed Galilee and Perea during this time. What did he hear about Jesus? (vs. 1)
2. Why did Herod want to kill John the Baptist? (vs. 3 – 5)
3. When did Herod have John killed? (vs. 6-12)
4. In verse 13, Jesus and his followers withdrew to a solitary place. Why?
5. Jesus had compassion on the large crowd. What did he do? (vs. 14 – 15)
6. The disciples thought Jesus should send the crowds away. What did Jesus ask his disciples to do? (vs. 16 -17)
7. What did Jesus do? How was Jesus different than Herod the tetrarch? (vs. 18-21)