

## Matthew 14

King James Version (KJV)

**14** At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, (He was a governor, appointed by the Romans <Tetrarch- controls ¼ of the province>)

<sup>2</sup> 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. (Guilt – for having murdered John, while in a drunken stupor, over his lust for his niece)

<sup>3</sup> For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. (He used his political power to take his brother's wife for himself. She was a social climber. She hated John for calling them out for that.)

<sup>4</sup> For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. (They were committing adultery)

<sup>5</sup> And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

<sup>6</sup> But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. (Herod's niece)

<sup>7</sup> Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. (He was in a drunken stupor – lusting for the girl)

<sup>8</sup> And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. (This was Herodias' chance to kill John)

<sup>9</sup> 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. (Herod liked John, even though John spoke against him)

<sup>10</sup> And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. (He murdered John over a drunken oath to his niece)

<sup>11</sup> And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. (The depths that some evil people will sink to, makes them pathetic. These three will have their trial before God for this and many other crimes)

<sup>12</sup> And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus. (John's disciples)

<sup>13</sup> 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. (John was Jesus' cousin)

<sup>14</sup> And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> 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. (Food)

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. (Jesus had fed them spiritually. Now He was going to feed them physically)

<sup>17</sup> And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. (They are out in the desert. There's nothing around)

<sup>18</sup> He said, Bring them hither to me.

<sup>19</sup> 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. (Order- not mobs; Jesus had the disciples feed the people in orderly groups. The disciples feeding the people is symbolic for preachers feeding people the Word of God, once they truly know it)

<sup>20</sup> And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. (There is always enough truth in God's Word to feed everyone with His knowledge and wisdom)

<sup>21</sup> And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. (Probably over 10,000 people in total)

<sup>22</sup> 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. (Jesus didn't get into the ship with them)

<sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. (They were caught in a storm on the sea)

<sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. (The forth watch is in the early morning hours: 3AM-6AM. This is before sunrise. This was not a heat mirage because the sun hadn't risen yet)

<sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. (God has power over all of His creation)

<sup>27</sup> But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. (Always looking for signs)

<sup>29</sup> And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. (Jesus will accommodate him)

<sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. (The water was deep, if Peter was sinking. This is not on a sand bar. Peter started sinking when he took his eyes off of Jesus and concentrated on the storm)

(Also Revelation-17 Waters are also symbolic of peoples. Keep your eyes on Jesus' doctrine; and you won't sink into the corrupt ways of the world and into the traditions of men)

<sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? (After all that Peter had seen and learned, he still had his doubts. The lesson is to us – do not doubt God)

<sup>32</sup> And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. (God is in control)

<sup>33</sup> Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. (Begotten of God – God in the flesh – Emmanuel; son is not an accurate translation)

(Jesus called Himself the Son of man, because He was in the flesh. Men called Him the Son of God – the begotten of God)

<sup>34</sup> And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. (Gennesaret = garden of the prince)

<sup>35</sup> 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;

<sup>36</sup> And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole. See Numbers-15:37-40

Also- (Unfortunately, these people were only seeking physical healing. They aren't there to learn the Word of God)