#### Healings

- N. Healing two blind men and a deaf mute Matthew 9:27-34
  - 1. Matthew 9:27 These blind men called to Jesus using the Messianic title *Son of David*. Matthew implied that these blind men <u>saw</u> more than the Pharisees and other national leaders who failed to recognize Jesus as Messiah.

#### Healings

- 2. Matthew 9:28-29 Jesus exercised Messianic authority by healing the **blind** in fulfillment of Isaiah 35:5-6.
- 3. Matthew 9:30-31 News of Jesus' Messianic healings **spread** throughout Israel.
- 4. Matthew 9:32-33 The crowds recognized the Messianic implications of the healing of the demon possessed **mute**.

### Healings

5. Matthew 9:34 – Since the Pharisees could not deny the **fact** of the miracle, they gave a false (blasphemous) explanation of it.

#### Rejection in Nazareth

- O. A second rejection in Nazareth Matthew 13:54-58, Mark 6:1-6a
  - 1. Mark 6:1 The disciples accompanied Jesus on this trip to Nazareth, showing He was not visiting His **family** but conducting His public ministry.
  - 2. Mark 6:2 The people were astonished with His authority but did **not** believe Him.

#### Rejection in Nazareth

- 3. Mark 6:3 Since they were unable to explain **Jesus**, they rejected Him.
- 4. Mark 6:4 Often, a person is respected **least** by those who know him best.
- 5. Mark 6:5 Jesus refused to **force** Himself on those who did not want Him. He worked few miracles in the area because few sought Him.

#### Rejection in Nazareth

6. Mark 6:6a – The Lord's wonder about their unbelief was connected to their arrogant assumption that they <u>knew</u> everything about this son of Joseph and Mary.

#### Death of John the Baptist

- P. Death of John the Baptist Matthew 14:1-12, Mark 6:14-29, Luke 9:7-9
  - Mark 6:14 Reports of Jesus' miracles reached Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who decided that John the Baptist was connected to the miracles in some way.
  - 2. Mark 6:15 People were willing to accept **Jesus** as a prophet but not as Messiah.

#### Death of John the Baptist

- 3. Mark 6:16 Herod reluctantly admitted guilt in the death of John the Baptist.
- 4. Mark 6:17-29 These verses give the historical circumstances of John's **death**.

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Training the Twelve Intensified



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#### XIII. Training the Twelve intensified

- A. Feeding the 5,000 Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15.
  - John 6:1 All four Gospels describe this miracle that emphasized Jesus as the source of <u>life</u> and the means of sustaining life.
  - 2. John 6:2 Jesus was at the height of His popularity. That would change the **next** day.

- 3. John 6:3 Jesus tried to withdraw from the <a href="mailto:crowds">crowds</a> with His disciples, but the multitudes followed Him. Mark 6:33
- 4. Mark 6:34 Jesus' had compassion for the lack of spiritual nourishment in their souls caused by the religious leaders' unwillingness to **feed** them God's Word.

- 5. Mark 6:35-36 At the end of the day, the disciples pointed out to Jesus that the people needed to <u>eat</u>.
- 6. Matthew 14:16 In order to train His disciples to <u>depend</u> on Him, He challenged them to provide food for the crowd.
- 7. John 6:4 John noted the nearness of Passover, the **perfect** back drop for this miracle of provision.

- 8. John 6:5 –Philip was from Bethsaida, the closest town, but Jesus designed this question to <u>test</u> the faith of all His disciples.
- 9. John 6:6 Though Jesus knew He would provide **food**, He gave His disciples an opportunity to depend on Him to fulfill that need.

- 10.John 6:7 The amount of money needed to feed the **crowd** was almost a year's salary and showed the physical, earthly focus of Philip's thinking.
- 11.John 6:8-9a Five loaves of bread and two fish could not satisfy this large crowd.
  - a. Elisha had performed a similar miracle to provide for the **people**. 2 Kings 4:42-44
  - b. Someone **greater** than Elisha was present, the Messiah. 2 Kings 4:42-44

- 12.John 6:10 The people were seated in orderly **groups** of 50 and 100. Mark 6:40
- 13.John 6:11 Jesus <u>thanked</u> the Father for His provision, then gave the food to His disciples, who distributed it to the people. Everyone had enough to satisfy them. Grace!

- 14.John 6:12-13 Twelve baskets (one for each disciple) were filled with the leftovers of the **five** loaves and two fish that fed the five thousand! Superabundant grace!
- 15.John 6:14 In his Gospel, John presented this event as the **fourth** sign miracle. He wrote about it to point to Jesus as the only way to salvation. John 20:30-31

16.John 6:15 – Sadly, the people missed the point of the food miracle and focused on Jesus as a political or **social** deliverer rather than as the spiritual Savior of the world.

- B. Walking on water Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:15-21
  - 1. Matthew 14:22 Jesus sent the disciples away to protect them from the influence of the crowd because they sought to make Him their **king**.
  - Matthew 14:23 Spending much time in prayer with the Father was a priority in Jesus' life as He pioneered our spiritual lives. Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- 3. Matthew 14:24 About three and half miles from <u>land</u>, the disciples faced a headwind that forced them to struggle to move forward.
- 4. Matthew 14:25 The **storm** prevented them from reaching land. Between 3 and 6 in the morning, after hours of struggle, they saw someone walking around on the water.

- 5. Matthew 14:26 The disciples did not recognize Jesus and were afraid that He was a ghost or a **spirit**.
- 6. Matthew 14:27 Immediately, Christ calmed them with His <u>Word</u>. Focusing on the Person of Christ removed their fear.
- 7. Matthew 14:28 This event was the first of three in Matthew 14-17 that focused on <a href="Peter">Peter</a>, the future leader of the new church.

- 8. Matthew 14:29 –Peter left the boat and walked on the water because he trusted the Lord.
- 9. Matthew 14:30 –Peter **shifted** his focus from Jesus to the danger and no longer trusted Jesus in his walk. Fear gripped him, and he began to sink.

## FEAR

- F ailure to Trust God Psalm 56:3-4
- E motional Instability James 1:8
- A rrogant Attitude James 4:6
- $\mathbf{R}$  ejection of DV Romans 12:2-3

## FEAR of the Lord

- F ocus on Christ Hebrews 12:1-3
- E motional Stability James 1:12
- A uthority Orientation James 4:10
- R eady for service Romans 12:1

- 10.Matthew 14:31 The Lord rebuked Peter for having <u>little</u> faith, indicating that he had some. Peter had begun walking by faith but had allowed the world to distract him.
- 11.Matthew 14:32 The wind stopped, and immediately the boat was at the shore, again verifying the Person and **power** of Jesus, the Messiah.

12.Mark 6:52 – The disciples had not thought through the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand even though they had twelve **full** baskets in the boat with them.

- 13.Matthew 14:33 The disciples did not understand everything, but they understood enough to **bow** in worship of Jesus.
- 14.John 6:21 Five lines of evidence occurred in one day to **testify** to Christ's deity.
  - a. The miracles in that <u>one</u> day included healing the sick, feeding over 5,000, walking on water, enabling Peter to walk on water, and stilling the storm, a typical day for Jesus.

b. Lack of evidence is never the problem; the problem is an unwillingness to **trust** the Lord and humbly submit to His authority. Romans 1:18-24