

Deane Church + Lostock Church
w/b Sunday 12th November 2017
Matthew 14:13-21

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Jesus has just heard that his cousin John the Baptist (the greatest of the prophets 11:9-14) has been executed by Herod.

1. How might Jesus have been feeling and what might Jesus (fully God and fully human) have needed to do?

The feeding of the 5000+ is the only miracle apart from the Resurrection of Jesus recorded in all four gospels. John in his account tells us that it is Passover time (John 6:3).

2. What was the context of God's last miraculous feeding of a large number of people in 'the wilderness', also associated with Passover!?

3. What do the crowd want from Jesus (vv13-14 & 34-36)?

4. What do they *not* want from Jesus? (See John 6:25-27 & 41-42)

5. In Matthew 14:15-21 what is Jesus seeking to teach the disciples about (i) faith, (ii) ministry, (iii) authority?

6. What is Jesus seeking to teach the Jews through this miracle? Bear in mind that Matthew's gospel is the most 'Jewish' of the four accounts and that it was initially written to Jews.

7. What is Jesus seeking to teach everyone about himself through this miracle?

8. What are those circumstances in our lives TODAY when we could be especially encouraged by this passage?

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