

Introduction

1. Amazing events witnessed during the earthly ministry of Christ.
2. Combine the four accounts of the gospel for a full record.
3. Examine the evidence of what we know of Herod.

Select Verses



14:1-2 - *"At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, 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."*

14:8-10 - *"And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. ⁽⁹⁾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. ⁽¹⁰⁾And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison."*

14:14 - *"And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."*

14:15-21 - Fed of 5,000 men (not counting women and children) with 5 loaves and 2 fishes and had 12 baskets full left over.

14:22-23 - *"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. ⁽²³⁾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."*

14:28-31 - *"And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. ⁽²⁹⁾And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. ⁽³⁰⁾But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. ⁽³¹⁾And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"*

14:33 ~ “Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.”

Select Thoughts / Themes

1. The forerunner of Christ (John, the immerser) was beheaded.



2. The compassionate, powerful, amazing Saviour fed a large multitude (5,000 men, not counting women and children).
3. The disciples were in a ship – tossed with waves.
4. Matthew records Jesus walking on water. Peter asked if He could come unto Jesus by walking on the water? Jesus said “Come.”
5. Peter walked on water – took His eyes off Jesus – began to sink.



To Consider Further...

1. For what reason was John beheaded? Did Herod want to kill him? Explain.
2. What did the disciples want to do with the multitudes since there was not food for all to eat?
3. Discuss the profound event of feeding the 5,000.
4. What did the disciples think when Jesus approached them walking on water? Of what were they afraid?
5. Concerning events at the time Jesus walked on water:
Was Peter a man of faith?
Was it by faith that Peter stepped out onto the water?
Why did he begin to sink?
What did Jesus say to Peter when He rescued him?