

## What Do We or Should We Expect?

Matthew 14

1. Why would God let John the Baptist be murdered ? VS 1 – 12

*Herod was a very evil man. Proverbs 6:16-19*

*John was the most righteous man. Matthew 11:10-12*

1 Cor 13:12, For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

- God sees from beyond TIME
- Taking someone to heaven...their eternal reward, is never a punishment
- Herod will be eternally judged for his actions unless he humbled himself and begged for God's forgiveness.
- Jesus wanted to declare His Kingdom was not the EXPECTED kingdom...1<sup>st</sup> martyr.

James 5:7-11a

2. Why would Jesus take the time to feed 5,000 ? VS 13-21

3. Why did Jesus and Peter need to Walk on Water ? VS 13-21

God Said it (3:17); Demons Said it (8:29); Disciples Said it (14:13); We need to Say it!

## Discussion Questions

1. What impacted you the most from these three different situations in Matthew 14?
2. When you are disappointed in what God has done; when He hasn't answered your prayers in the way you've asked Him to...what is your initial response?
3. Where is your focus when you are begging for God to do what you want Him to? When our focus is on our eternity and God's gift of salvation, will that change even what we are asking, or at least will we see that God has the right (and He will be right) if He chooses to respond differently?
4. Can you think outside the box and come up with a reason He might not have answered your prayer the way you asked Him too? If you cannot think of a reason He might have responded the way He did, what will that require from you? What will you need to do to still be able to trust that God is good?
5. If we can say with a heartfelt belief that "Jesus is God", can we trust every action He permits with the confidence that HIS will is being accomplished for eternity? How does that belief change our thinking?