

And Jesus Went Forth...

Matthew 14:13-36

Intro:

- A. **The life of Jesus has many baffling scenes.**
 - 1. The angels at His birth.
 - 2. His appearance at the temple at age 12.
 - 3. The mysterious years of silence.
- B. **Things always happened when He, "went forth".**
 - 1. "he healed their sick" v.14
 - 2. He blessed, and brake, and gave loaves..." v.19
 - 3. "...it is I, be not afraid..." v.27
 - 4. "...as many as touched were made perfectly whole." V.36

I. He Healed Their Sick.

- A. **Jesus left for a place of isolation when he learned of the death of John the Baptist. V.13**
 - 1. his time had not come.
 - 2. No one can accuse Him of cowardice.
 - 3. Great multitudes followed Him.
- B. **Jesus did not abandon His mission. V.14**
 - 1. compassion = σπλαγχνιζομαι = "to feel one's insides yearn", "to experience great pity"
 - 2. He continued to do what was right.

II. The Feeding Of The Multitude.

- A. **The place of the feeding. V.15**
 - 1. It was a desert place.
 - 2. There were no provisions.
- B. **The time of the feeding.**
 - 1. "the time is now past..."
 - 2. "and supper-time has passed already" - Rieu
- C. **The disciples' solution. V.15**
 - 1. "send the multitude away..."
 - 2. send = πεμπτω = "to let go" - This lacks a mission of importance and authority.
 - 3. "let them buy victuals."

- D. **The solution of Jesus. v.16**
1. "They need not depart;"
 2. "give ye them to eat"
 3. The disciples lacked faith. They had seen His healing power, but this would be unique. **V.17**
 4. "Bring them hither to me." **V.18**
 5. The blessing and the braking. **V.19a**
 6. The disciples helped. **V.19b**
 7. "...they did all eat..." **v.20a**
 8. "that remained twelve baskets full." **V.20**
 9. The extent for the miracle, 5,000 men plus. **V.21**

III. The Miracle On The Sea.

- A. **Jesus sent the disciples on a ship. V.22**
1. constrained = αναγκάζω = "to force"
 2. He went up a mountain to pray. **V.23**
- B. **The disciples and the sea. V.24**
1. "...in the midst of the sea."
 2. "tossed with waves"
 3. "wind was contrary."
 4. Jesus went to them. **V.25**
 5. The disciples were "troubled."
 6. troubled = ταρασσω = "to stir up", "agitate"
 7. Jesus encouraged them. **V.27**
- C. **Peter walked on the water.**
1. Peter's need of proof. **V.28**
 2. The invitation of Jesus. **v.29**
 3. Peter's lack of faith. **V.30**
 4. Jesus caught him. **V.31a**
 5. The problem, lack of faith and doubt. **V.31b**
 6. doubt = δισταζω = "to stand in two ways," "to be uncertain."
- D. **The end of the miracle.**
1. "the wind ceased." **V.32**
 2. "...thou art the Son of God." **v.33**

IV. Miracles In The Land Of Gennesaret.

- A. **They had knowledge of Him. V.35**
1. knowledge = επιγινώσκω = "to know," "give attention," "to know fully"

2. They brought their diseased to Him.

B. **The hem of His garment. V.36**

1. They touched the border of his robe.
2. They were made perfectly whole.
3. perfectly = διασωζω = "to bring safely through."

