

MATTHEW 14:1 THRU 15:20

1. Matthew gives his account of John the Baptist's imprisonment and execution (14:1-12). What had John said to Herod that led to his arrest?
2. From this account, list what you perceive to be the wrongs/faults that led to John's death.
3. What precipitated Matthew's speaking of John's death?
4. When a multitude 'chased' Jesus to one side of the sea of Galilee, what compassionate thing did Jesus do for them? (14:13-21)
5. When Jesus was urged to disperse the hungry multitude, what challenge did the Lord offer His disciples?
6. What food stores were brought to Jesus, and what did He do with them?
7. How many people were fed, and how many baskets of leftovers were gathered up?
8. What things do you learn about Jesus from this segment (14:13-21)?
9. What amazing feat did Jesus perform on the sea of Galilee? What did the disciples, however, initially think He was? (14:22-33)
10. What amazing opportunity did the Lord grant Peter? However, what caused Peter to begin to sink?

11. What declaration was made by those in the boat when the events of this fearful night were concluded?
12. *"The wind was contrary"* (14:24). At times we face 'contrary winds' (figuratively speaking), don't we? Write down some things you see in the text which you feel could benefit you when experiencing such.
13. What did Jesus do at Gennesaret with the *"hem of His garment"*? (14:34-36)
14. In 15:1ff the scribes and Pharisees charged Jesus' disciples with transgressing what?
15. Jesus used the occasion as a teaching moment, making what point(s) about their traditions and God's commandments?
16. What example did Jesus use to illustrate His point?
17. Jesus loved all men, including these scribes and Pharisees. Yet He called them *"Hypocrites"* (v. 7). Does this make sense to you? Explain.
18. Later, Jesus told the multitude that 'what goes into the mouth' doesn't defile a man (hearkening back to the concern of the elders, v. 2), *"but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."* What did He mean by this?
19. When the disciples expressed concern about the effect Jesus' words had on the Pharisees (15:12), what counsel did He give them?