

THE Story

Lesson 12 Chapter 24 No Ordinary Man (Pt 5) p.346-351

1. Describe in a few words the most difficult funeral that you have ever attended.
2. On pages 346-347, we have recorded for us the death of John the Baptist which is given to us as a "flashback" based on Herod's words of regret..."John, whom I have beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" What do you learn about Herod's character from this passage?

What kind of leader do you think he was?

3. In the middle paragraph on page 347, we read that "the king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her." Why don't we ever outgrow "peer pressure"?

How should Herod have handled the situation he was facing?

4. After John was buried by his disciples, Matthew tells us, "Then they went and told Jesus. When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place." (Matthew 14:12-13)

At the bottom of page 347, we are told that the disciples returned about this same time from their first mission and that Jesus said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

What are the implications and applications for us today?

5. The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 is recorded at the top of page 348. Any ideas as to why this miracle is one of the few that is recorded in all four Gospels?

6. What was the difference between the way the disciples and Jesus viewed the problem and the solution to the problem?

What lessons did the disciples need to learn before Jesus could use them in feeding the crowd?

7. Why do you think Jesus sent his disciples out in the boat immediately after this miracle while he stayed on shore to pray?

8. What do you think caused Peter to begin to sink after Jesus invited him to walk toward him on the water?

9. What did the disciples fail to understand in the feeding of the 5,000 that could have helped them in this experience?

10. From the middle of page 349 to the top of page 350, we read how the people still looking for Jesus after the feeding of the 5,000 saw the outward form of the miracle, but failed to discern what it signified spiritually. Why?

11. Jesus eliminated the possibility of taking a neutral position on Him as the Bread of Life. What does it mean to you to "eat Christ's flesh and drink His blood"?

12. How do you think Jesus felt after hearing Peter's words on the top of p.351?

13. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace