

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 14:27

But Jesus immediately said to them,
"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

LIFE OF CHRIST 12-1

Lesson Scripture:
Matthew 14:1-36
Mark 6:14-56
Luke 9:7-17

"Second Year of Ministry Draws to a Close"**DAY 1 READ THE LESSON SCRIPTURE**

1. What are your thoughts on discipleship from last week's lesson?

2. a. What circumstances caused fear in Herod?

b. . . . in the disciples?

DAY 2 "Herod's Guilt" REVIEW MARK 6:14-29 (Matthew 14:1-12; Luke 9:7-9)

3. a. Jesus had sent the disciples out to evangelize while He continued His ministry in Galilee. Who did the people say Jesus was?

b. Who did Herod think Jesus was?

4. a. Why had Herod imprisoned John?

b. Share your thoughts on Herod's conscience from what you learn in verse 20.

5. Briefly describe the circumstances that led to John's death.

6. a. Herod made a rash vow and wanted to "save face" before his guests. Have you found yourself caught in an uncomfortable situation because of something you said without contemplating the consequences? Please share the lesson you learned.

b. Write Proverbs 21:23.

7. What did John's disciples do?

DAY 3 "Five Thousand Fed" REVIEW MARK 6:30-44 (Matthew 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17)

8. a. What was Jesus' main purpose in leading the apostles to a retreat?

b. According to Luke 9:10, where did He take them?

c. The crowds persisted in following. In Luke 9:11, what did Jesus do?

DAY 3 (Continued) REVIEW MARK 6:30-44 (Matthew 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17)

9. The feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels.

- a. From Mark 6:35-55 . . .
 - 1) What did the apostles think was an impossible task?
 - 2) What resources were brought to Jesus?
 - 3) What do you think is the significance of how the people were organized?
 - 4) After all were satisfied with food, how many baskets were left?
- b. John 6:4-13 gives some added details. It was the time of _____ . Jesus tested _____ and it was _____ who found the boy with five _____ loaves.

10. a. What aspect of this miracle impresses you most?

- b. In John 6:14,15 how did the crowd react to the miraculous feeding?
- c. How do you think the disciples felt about the crowd's intent?

DAY 4 "Jesus Walked on Water" REVIEW MATTHEW 14:22-33 (Mark 6:45-52)

11. The temptation of an earthly kingdom (Luke 4:5-8) was at hand. Jesus departed to the mountain for prayer. What do you think is the special value of solitary prayer?

12. What terrified the disciples?

13. a. What courage did Peter display in the face of his fear?

- b. How did Jesus respond when Peter's fear fed failure?
- c. Where do you feel God is "inviting you to get out of the boat" right now?
- d. What lesson can you apply for yourself from Peter's experience?

14. Write Psalm 37:23,24 and then read it aloud as a victory prayer.

DAY 5 "Healings at Gennesaret" REVIEW MARK 6:53-56 (Matthew 14:34-36)

15. What was the main concern of the population at Gennesaret concerning Jesus?

16. Notice the urgency in this Scripture to bring to Christ those who needed Christ.
 - a. How do you see this urgency in the church today?

 - b. How is your own personal sense of urgency in evangelism?

 - c. Who do you know in urgent need of Christ?

 - d. Write and share the healing powers of God in Isaiah 53:5.

17. Jesus touched many lives in today's lesson. Share what you think your feelings might be as . . .
 - a. . . . a disciple of John

 - b. . . . the boy with the fish and loaves

 - c. . . . the disciple who first saw the "ghost"

 - d. . . . the first person to recognize Jesus at Gennesaret

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: