

The Gospel of Matthew #99

THE MOST REMEMBERED MIRACLE

Matthew 14:13-21

13:51 -- 14:36 characterized by **5 Cs** in 3 stories
Climaxed by a new confession of **Who** Jesus is.

- I. Conflicts: Jesus in Nazareth;
John murdered by Herod
- II. Contrasts: Herod v John;
Herod v Jesus

III. **C** _____: interrupted by 5000++ needy people;
cares for them

Needs some time away with disciples: to rest, to grieve, to
hear about their mission (cf. Mark 6:30-33)

But God has other plans. MAJOR interruption!
How react to them?
Compassion (v14): heal their sick

Late afternoon: enough! Reasonable to send away.

Stop! What do think Jesus will do??

He goes extra mile and does unprecedented!

(**Contrast:** Herod's feast v Jesus' feast [cf. 8:11])

IV. **C** _____ **1:** disciples are **helpless**

"You give them something to eat" (v16).
Their rxn: impossible!
Wants to teach them to come to Him with impossible in faith
(Eph 3:18-21)

V. **C** _____: He feeds to complete satisfaction
Feeds 8000 +/- with meager amount.
All are satisfied (v20)
12 baskets full of leftovers!
An incontrovertible miracle in visible physical world
Feeds them **thru** His incompetent disciples
Their irritation at the inconvenience is overcome by their
amazement at Jesus at work thru them!

So what

1. Trust Him for compassion when everything in you says,
"Enough! I have nothing left to give."
He is your example and strength
Be available to Him to use you when no strength in yourself.
It will be worth it!
2. Paul Miller: "_____ is at
the heart of a praying life."
Get in touch with your helplessness so you learn to go to
Jesus constantly.
3. See His sufficiency for your needs. Not only physical.

John 6: He teaches that He is the true Bread from Heaven
that satisfies your soul.