

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Mark 6:14-44

What's your favorite Christmas song?

1. Why do you suppose people keep getting Jesus' identity wrong (vs. 14-15)?
2. When John the Baptist points out the sin of Herod and Herodias, he paid for it with his life. When people point out our sins to us, do we (personally) have a propensity to "cut their heads off"?

How can we (personally) cultivate a spirit of humility and receptiveness?

3. Apparently it's okay for Herodias to let her daughter dress, think and act provocatively. Herodias is obviously not a believer. Can you recount some ways in which the "zeitgeist" of the age has crept into the church?
4. Many notable miracles are *not* recorded in all the Gospels and some miracles are only recounted in a single narrative (like the resurrection of Lazarus). Why do you suppose the feeding of the 5,000 is in all 4 of the Gospels?
5. Do you suppose Jesus needed the 5 loaves and the 2 fishes to start with? If the answer is *no*, then why use them at all?

What are *your* 5 loaves and 2 fishes?

6. Why do you suppose Jesus fed them until they were gluttoned (v.42)? Wouldn't it have been enough if He just gave them *something* to eat?

Food for thought:

Mark 6:34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd:

Mark 6:39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

Psalm 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: