

Overview

- 1-V1** When Herod heard about the charisma and miracles and crowds that followed after Jesus he thought that _____ had come back to life—He believed in some kind of reincarnation—a religious opinion that favors those who rule and prosper in the status quo.
- 2-V3-16** Herod had imprisoned and killed John the Baptist because his wife Herodias did not like John speaking out to the nation that her marriage was _____
- 3-V13** When Jesus heard what had happened to John who was a second cousin to Him- the great prophet who proclaimed him as Messiah to Israel and His personal friend and partner in the work of the Father—He went to a remote place to be _____ with the Father. In the end – it is only our Heavenly Father who can comfort any of us.
- 4-V13 –14** The people who walked in darkness had seen a great light in the Lord Jesus Christ—he could not (nor did he really want to be hidden from them)—so the _____ followed him walking around the Sea of Galilee. He was met by a _____ crowd when he stepped from the boat and He had _____ on them and _____ their sick.
- 5-V15 -16** Time slipped by and soon it was evening. The disciples told the Lord that they needed to send the people off to the villages to buy some _____ Jesus said an amazing thing to them--- “ _____ feed them.”
- 6-V17-21** Though by that time they should have realized that all things are possible for God and for those who believe in God---the disciples still fell back into a human view on things--- So they said,” _____ we have only _____ loaves of bread and _____ fish. Jesus took them, looked up to _____ and _____ them and _____ it to the disciples to pass out, All were fed. _____ men plus women and children
- 7- V2** Immediately Jesus sent the people to their home. He sent the disciples across the sea while he himself went up to the hills to do his favorite thing _____ --spend time with the Father. Holy Father touch us and fill us so that we look forward to and make time for You.
- 8-V24-27** As the disciples were sailing across the sea a strong _____ rose and they were fighting heavy _____, About 3 AM in the middle of the night Jesus came to them _____ the water--Not hard for one who fully trusts in God.,
- 9-V27** In the midst of the storms of our lives Jesus speaks as he spoke to them. ... *“It’s all _____, I am _____ Don’t be _____!”*
- 10- V28-29** Peter wanted to do something that always pleases God—He wanted to walk by faith – In this case by faith in Jesus to _____ on the waves too. Lord, if it’s really you , tell me to come to you by walking on _____.! Just like a parent encouraging their child in his first steps ----Jesus says, “ All right _____!”
- 11-V29** In the moment when the “gift of faith” comes on us we step out on the waters to be healed, to do a miracle, to follow after Jesus – but then the realities of this world – the brainwashing of a world of men—takes over and we get afraid and begin to lose the presence and power of the supernatural in our lives. So Peter looking at the waves was _____ and began to _____ and called out “ Lord _____ Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him saying, “ You don’t have _____ faith..Why did you _____ me?”
- 12-V33** Then the disciples _____ the only one worthy of worship, saying “You really are the _____.! Jesus is the only begotten Son- born of God.
- 13-V34** They landed at Gennesaret and immediately the Good News of His presence spread through the region *—people came bringing their sick to be healed. The sick begged him to let them touch the _____ of His robe, and all who did were _____.”*

Word Study • IMPOSSIBLE

- SINK • RIOT • PRAY • BACK TO LIFE • HERODS • WATER WALK

1.V1 _____ This family was about on the edge of incest as well as adultery. Poor examples to common people. That is what made John the Baptist, God’s prophet upset and got him in trouble. • HEROD THE GREAT was the father of them all. He ruled when Christ was born. • HERODIAS was his granddaughter. Her FATHER and her two husbands: PHILIP and HEROD ANTIPAS were half brothers. So she was marrying and divorcing and marrying uncles.

2.V2 _____ This scripture does not support re-incarnation. This was Herod’s point of view. He was half Jew and half pagan. The Word of God makes it clear this life comes to a conclusion here. *“And just as it is destined that each person DIES ONLY ONCE and after that comes judgment., so Christ died only once as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, but not to deal with our sins again. This time he will bring salvation to all those who are eagerly waiting for Him.”* Hebrews 9:27,28

From this scripture ..these conclusions:

- (1) Only **one** life --not an eternity of lifetimes
- (2) Our imperfection -our sinfulness--is taken away by Christ not by an eternity of re incarnations where we seek to perfect ourselves
- (3) Our entrance into a blessed eternity happens when Christ comes for us --not after somehow managing to get perfect—totally free from sinful desire.
- (4) There will be a judgment -only Christ saves us from that. I Thessalonians 1:10

3.V5 _____ The powerful who rule this world are inclined to kill their competition—the prophets of God, righteous godly leaders—and even Emmanuel himself. However, they must do it carefully as Herod knew— or else the people would riot if he tried to kill John the Baptist. Likewise the Pharisees and Sadducees felt the people would riot if they killed Christ .

4.V13,23 _____ Jesus was entirely dependent upon the Father. He did the Father’s will, He did what He saw the Father doing. He taught what He heard the Father saying. So when Jesus was perplexed and sorrowful as in the death of John and worn out by ministry--He went to be alone with the Father. He sets a very good example for us.

5.V17 _____ Impossible is not to be in the vocabulary of the Christian. *“All things are possible for God.”* Matthew 19:26 and *“All things are possible to him who believes.”* Mark 9:23. The issue for us is to be like Jesus dependent on the Father in constant prayer.

6.V25 _____ Jesus also ascended into the skies and passed through walls. And He had just multiplied food. Human science has been able to duplicate flying .. and will probably find a way for us to pass through walls and walk on waters. The point is that Jesus was doing something natural but beyond what fallen humanity is able to do. Probably Adam and Eve had these abilities--lost when they sinned. The book Like a Mighty Wind about converts in Indonesia records how the new Christians there commonly walked across rivers by faith.

7. V30 _____ Peter sank because he took his eyes off of Jesus-- *“The pioneer and perfecter of our faith”* Hebrews 12:2. Why is daily prayer so important?...It is because it keeps our eyes off our circumstances --the wind and the waves-- and on Christ--for whom all things are possible--and possible for us in Him.

What does this Scripture say to you? _____