

Stories and Signs: "Jesus is Sufficient and Satisfying" Matthew 14:1-21

I. His Enemies (Matthew 14:1-12)

Hebrews 3:11 - "...They shall not enter my rest."

1. All believers have enemies.
2. We also used to be enemies of God.
3. The real enemy is Satan.
4. Enemies can be made friends of God.

II. His Time Alone (Matthew 14:13)

Matthew 15:21,29 - "And Jesus went away from there and withdrew...

Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went upon the mountain..."

Matthew 17:1 - "And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother and led them up a high mountain by themselves..."

III. His Divine Timing (Matthew 14:13)

John 7:6, 30 - "Jesus said...'My time has not yet come, but your time is always here...they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.'"

John 13:1 - "Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father..."

IV. His Compassion (Matthew 14:14-15)

V. His Equipping of His People (Matthew 14:16-19)

VI. His Call to the People (Matthew 14:18-21)

Family Faith Sheet For This Week

1. What are some circumstances for which people blame God?
2. What does "blaming" God say about a person's understanding of who God is?
3. What is your impossible situation today? What would it mean for you to take your situation fully to Jesus?
4. Could the disciples have taken care of the food problem without Jesus' presence and power? Why or why not? Think through this one.
5. How has God used a person and or an impossible situation to reveal Himself to you lately?
6. He Himself is "the bread of life" (John 6:35). What does this mean for your daily life? Do you see him as the One who is sufficient and who satisfies? Pray for someone.