

# The Gospel of Matthew

Bible Study – Examination, Exposition, and Application  
Chapter 14:1-36 – Compassionate Grieving

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### ► V. 1-12 Execution of John the Baptist

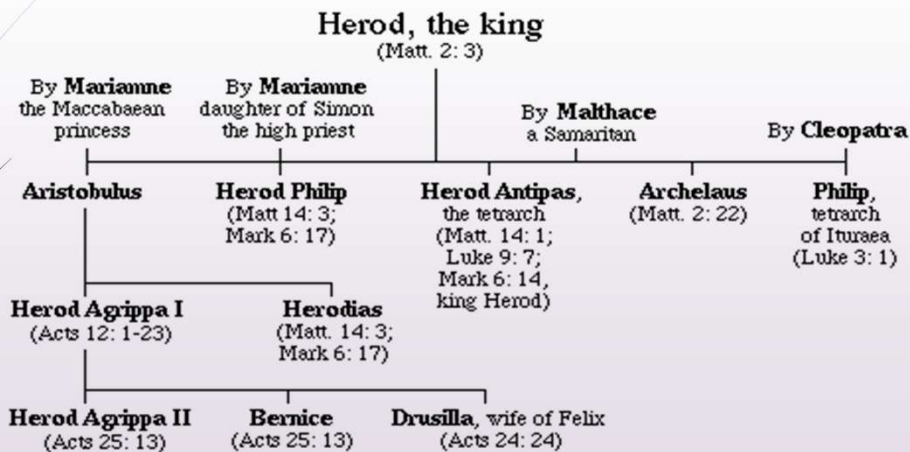
- At that time...Herod Antipas
  - Son of Herod the Great, Tetrarch (governor)
  - Reports about Jesus – assumes John the Baptist's return
    - Herodias, his (half-)brother Philip's wife
    - Jewish Law: Lev. 18:16, 20:21
    - Salome (Josephus, Ant. X.viii.5.4.)



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### ► V. 13-21- Feeding of the Five Thousand

- Jesus withdrew to a deserted place by himself
- The Throng followed him...he had compassion
- Evening – Disciples' advice “send them away to fend for themselves...”
  - v. 16 – Jesus' response: “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”
  - v. 17 – Disciples reaction: “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”
  - v. 18-20 – Pattern: Took, bless, gave, ate
  - v. 21 – Customary for women and children to sit separately

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### ► V. 22-36 Jesus Walks on Water

- Jesus attempts to withdraw again with his disciples
  - v. 22-23 Mountain top prayer – deserted place
  - v. 24-27 Evening – boat was many “stadia” (1/8 mile)
    - Early morning (fourth watch: 3:00-6:00 AM)
    - Walking towards them on the sea...ghost: terrified
  - v. 28-33 Peter's Miraculous Walk
    - Jesus' answer: “Come” [Gk. *Elthe*]
    - Peter's fear: “Lord, save me!”
    - They worshiped Jesus: “Truly you are the Son of God”
- Gennesaret (Northwestern district) – healing