

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* "Focusing on the Messiah in the book of Matthew." Matthew was a Jewish man writing to a Jewish audience and giving testimony regarding the life and ministry of the Messiah who had been foretold by many of the Jewish prophets.
- \* Two weeks ago we transitioned into the instructional phase of the life and ministry of the Messiah.
- \* Discipleship is not only teaching doctrine to an individual but it is modeling a godly lifestyle. (cf, 1 Cor 11:1; Phil 4:9; 2 Thess 3:7-9)
- \* Today, we see how Jesus instructed His disciples through the events of life ... specifically, dealing with the trials of life.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE DEATH OF JOHN****A. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of His Death** (cf. 1 Peter 2:11-25)**B. The P\_\_\_\_\_ of His Death**

1. AS SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURES (cf. Psalm 116: 15)

2. AS SEEN IN THE REACTION OF CHRIST

**II. THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND****A. The N\_\_\_\_\_ of the Multitude** (v. 14-15)

1. CHRIST SAW THEIR NEED

2. CHRIST VALUED THEIR NEED (cf. Philippians 2:2-5)

**B. The T\_\_\_\_\_ of the Disciples** (v. 16-17)

1. CHRIST'S COMMAND

2. THE DISCIPLES' RESPONSE

**C. The P\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord** (v. 18-21)

1. THE SPECIFICS OF THE MIRACLE

2. THE AGENTS OF THE MIRACLE

3. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE MIRACLE

**III. THE STORM ON THE SEA****A. Jesus L\_\_\_\_\_ Them Into The Storm** (v. 22)**B. Jesus J\_\_\_\_\_ Them In The Storm** (v. 24-42)

1. JESUS WALKED ON WATER

2. PETER WALKED ON WATER!

**B. Jesus D\_\_\_\_\_ Them From The Storm** (v. 32-33)

1. THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

2. THE DEITY OF CHRIST

## **INTROSPECTION**

- \* What sort of trial(s) are you going through?
  
- \* James 1:2 "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the trying of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."
  
- \* REMEMBER - THE LORD knows about the trial ... He has allowed the trial ... It is for a reason  
More than likely, it is for you to grow in His grace and in your knowledge of Him!
  
- \* How do you normally respond in your trials ... in faith or in doubting?
  
- \* Is there a need to "change they way you think" ... and, therefore, act?

## **INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

*It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.*

- \* Where is the balance between taking care of your own needs and the needs of those around you ... or, is there?
- \* How can we responsibly encourage one another in the midst of trials and tribulations?