

King and Messiah Week 20

Questions based on Matthew 13:53-14:36

What did people in Jesus' hometown and Herod know about Jesus? What reactions did they have to Him?

Why doesn't more evidence always lead to more belief?

The story of John the Baptist is a heartbreaking one. Does John's death indicate a lack of faith on his part? How does a verse like Romans 8:28 relate to a story such as John's?

When John's disciples found out he had been murdered by Herod, what did they do?

Why does faith in Christ not guarantee us an easy life? Instead of in 'good results', where should we place our faith?

Using other passages of Scripture, what does God promise when a believer encounters trials and tribulations?

After receiving the news about John the Baptist, what does it seem Jesus intended to do? What stops him from being able to do what he intended?

What can Jesus' care for the crowds teach us?

Based on the amount of leftover food (v.20), who do you think the miracle was primarily intended to teach and what was the lesson?

What causes Peter to fall as he walks toward Jesus? Was it the storms or his preoccupation with them?

What does the disciples' response teach us about their developing understanding of who Jesus is?

Why is it important to worship what is true and not what we want to be true?

Other observations/questions/reflections on the text: