Discussion Questions
Mat 13:53-14:1

1. **How do the people in Jesus' hometown react to His teaching? Why do they act that way? What expectations did they have of Jesus?**

2. **What was the crime John committed that put him in jail? What did Jesus do when he heard that John had been killed? What is Jesus' purpose in reacting this way?**

3. **Read Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-46; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15.**
   Make a list of the verbs that are used in these verses that describe Jesus' reaction to the large crowds that gathered around him.

4. **Read Mat 14:13-21. What directions did Jesus give to facilitate the feeding of the 5000? How does the feeding of the five thousand through His disciples, illustrate Jesus' method of feeding men spiritually today? List as many details as you can find.**

5. **Read 14:22-32. Why did the disciples get into the boat? What unexpected thing happened after they obeyed Him? What does this story tell you about life in the Kingdom of God?**

6. **What was the disciples' reaction to Jesus walking on water in the raging sea? What is Jesus' message to His disciples in the middle of a storm? (see verse27)**

7. **Compare the response of the people in Gennesaret to Jesus with the response Jesus receives in His hometown (14:34-36). What accounts for the difference?**

8. **How has your study of Matthew's gospel impacted your personal response to Jesus?**