

**WEEK 33 (August 11 – August 17)**

**Matthew 14 & John 6**

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Matt</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
1	Herod's opinion of Jesus	<b>14:1-2</b>	<b>6:14-16</b>	<b>9:7-9</b>	
2	Death of John the Baptist (at the fortress of Machaerus)	<b>14:3-12</b>	<b>6:17-29</b>		
3	The Twelve Returned		<b>6:30-31</b>	<b>9:10-11</b>	
4	<b>Miracle 22</b> – Jesus Feeds <b>5000</b>	<b>14:13-21</b>	<b>6:30-44</b>	<b>9:12-17</b>	<b>6:1-15</b>
5	<b>Miracle 23</b> – Christ Walks on Water	<b>14:22-33</b>	<b>6:45-52</b>		<b>6:15-21</b>
6	I am the Bread of Life				<b>6:22-59</b>
7	Rejection by Many Followers				<b>6:60-66</b>
8	Jesus healed the Multitudes	<b>14:34-36</b>	<b>6:53-56</b>		

1. Narrate how John the Baptist died.

**Answer**

Recite Matthew 14:3-12 or Mark 6:17-29.

2. Jesus was John the Baptist's reincarnate. Scripturally discuss this.

**Answer**

No, Jesus was not John the Baptist's reincarnate. However, there were people in the Scriptures that believed that Jesus was the reincarnation of John the Baptist. One of such people was King Herod Antipas.

When the fame of Jesus went abroad, Herod heard of him, and said that John the Baptist which he killed was risen from the dead, calling Jesus the reincarnated John. But, of course, he was wrong.

3. According to Luke 9:7-9, what did men say that Jesus was, and who do you say that Jesus is?

**Answer**

- Some said Jesus was John who rose from the dead.
- Some said Jesus was one of the old prophets who has risen again from the dead.
- Some said Jesus was Elijah who has reappeared (the word reappeared was used because Elijah disappeared from earth, unlike other prophets that died)

But as for me, I believe that Jesus is not John, neither is he Elijah, neither is he one of the old prophets, but that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is the one all the prophets of the Old Testament spoke about.

4. The most honourable work a man can do on this earth is the work of ministry. In fact, it is a great privilege to minister unto God and his people. However, ministry is work, real work, hard work, and it can be so overwhelming that one won't even have time to eat atimes. Using the case of Jesus' disciples in **Mark 6:30-31**, describe how to fulfil the demand of ministry and still maintain good health.

## Answer

(Background of the story. In Mark 6:7, Jesus called his twelve apostles, and sent them out two and two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. Then, in Mark 6:30, the twelve apostles returned from that mission, and was giving him the report of it).

In **Mark 6:30-31**, Jesus' disciples had just returned from the evangelistic mission he sent them. And they gave him report, both of what they did (healings, signs and wonders), and what they taught.

Their mission trip was quite stressful, yet, when they returned, many people were yet coming to them (**Jesus and the apostles**), to the point that there was no time even to eat.

So, Jesus said to them, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet (or desert) place and rest awhile".

Therefore, in order to fulfil ministry, working hard would be required. But, a minister must learn to take time to rest regularly.

(It is not unscriptural for a man of God to go on a short leave. The moment a minister observes that his body is being overstressed due to the demand of the ministry, he must take a break for a while. The people did not stop coming to Jesus and his apostles, they were the ones that decided to withdraw from the people. The problems of the people will never finish, so a man of God should take time to rest. That is how he himself will last. Many ministers have died today because they lack this wisdom.

However, in order to be able to rest, a proper structure must be created for the ministry. It is structure that will help the resting of a minister not to affect the ministry.

A minister must not be found resting at a time he ought to be working, and he should not be working at a time he ought to be resting. There is time for everything. A time to work, and a time to rest.)

5. Narrate the miracle of the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes.

**Answer**

Recite Matthew 14:15-21

6. Simon Peter walked on water. Discuss.

**Answer**

Recite Matthew 14:23-33.

7. Use the word “bread” to preach the gospel. **(GOLDEN, 90 Seconds)**

**Answer**

Jesus said “I am the bread of life” ([John 6:35](#)). The word “bread” means food.

Undoubtedly, the one who created us created us to eat. So, bread (food) is very important. A man who lacks bread (food) over a long time will end up dying because of it.

However, there is another bread (food), more important than the common ones. All men need this bread. Those who eat only the common bread, will end up dying over time. But those who eat this uncommon bread, will live forever.

This uncommon bread is not a thing, but a person. The common bread gets spoilt over time, but this uncommon bread is incorruptible.

This uncommon bread is the body of Jesus. He laid down his body, dying on the cross for all men, so that through his death, those who believe in him may live. And just as food quickens a weak and hungry man, anyone who believes in Jesus gets quickened by him.

If you haven’t tasted this uncommon bread, believe me, you have not tasted something good. I have tasted him, and I have been quickened by him. I was dead in my sins, but this bread of life brought me back to life.

God sent this bread from heaven, which is his son Jesus, so that he may die for our sins. And through his death, we may live. You need this bread, you need Jesus.

All you need to do to partake of this bread is to believe that Jesus truly died for your sins, was buried, and rose again the third day. And that he has the power to save you.

I believe this, do you believe?

8. The children of Israel ate bread (manna) in the wilderness. **John 6:31** says “Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat”. But in **verse 32**, Jesus said “My Father giveth you the **true** bread from heaven”.

What is the relationship between the bread (manna) of the wilderness, and the **true** bread Jesus spoke about?

### **Answer**

God gave them natural bread in the wilderness as a symbol of the spiritual bread that he will later give to them. The natural bread was called manna, but the spiritual bread was JESUS.

The natural bread (manna) was not the true bread because it was just a representation of the true bread (which is JESUS). The natural bread was given as a pointer to the spiritual and true bread that will later come.

God therefore gave them the bread (manna) to make them believe on the true bread which was to come, which is Christ.

(The sacrifice of animals in the Old Testament was also not the true sacrifice. They sacrificed animals, pointing to the true sacrifice Jesus would later come and do. The blood of Jesus is the true blood of sacrifice, not the blood of animals. And as such too, many other things were not true in their mode of worship in the Old Testament. They were just types and shadows. But, today, we have the true. The true bread, not manner. Glory to God)

9. **John 6:66** “From that time, many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him”. Use this incidence to discuss the reaction of a preacher of sound doctrine when people leave him because of his teaching.

### **Answer**

In **John 6:66**, Jesus taught sound doctrine. But, the doctrine he taught did not go well with many of his disciples. And as a result, many of them left Jesus and stopped following. It was like losing church members.

We see that Jesus was not bothered for losing followership. And that must be the attitude of every minister of sound doctrine. People will leave because of your hard teachings, just as they left Jesus, but be not bothered.

The man of God should hold on to the sound doctrine which he has received of God, irrespective of people’s reaction. A man of God is not a content creator, who is giving what people want to hear. He is rather a servant of God, and preacher of God’s word.

And even when people leave, there will yet be those who will stay. Those are your true disciples, and on them should you bestow your labour.

10. The woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of Jesus' garment and was healed. Talk about another circumstance where the hem of Jesus' garment performed healing.

**Answer**

Recite Matthew 14:34-36 or Mark 6:53-56.

(The people of the land of Gennesaret displayed great faith in Jesus. They believed he was so anointed that he did not even need to touch them. They believed that touching him was enough for them to be healed. They touched and were healed. That was faith!)