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## The Opposition Illustrated (8)

### *Matthew 14*

#### **The Death of John the Baptist** (v. 1-12)

- Jesus leaves the area to get away from Herod's grasp. This was not the right time for Jesus' death.
- The time, place, and means of Jesus' death was under the Father's authority.

*Acts 1:7 It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority...*

*John 7:6 My time has not yet come...*

*Rom 5:6 ...at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...*

#### **Jesus Feeds the 5,000** (v. 13-21)

- Jesus went to a secluded place, but the crowd followed Him.

- In the same way Israel followed the Lord into the wilderness (**Ex. 13:18**), Matthew shows that the crowd (Israel) follows Jesus into the wilderness.
- Jesus responds by ministering to their needs as He had done in the wilderness so many years before.
- After blessing the food Jesus (**John 6:48; Ex. 25:30**) gives it to the disciples to distribute among the people, after which they collected 12 baskets.
- The 12 baskets full represent the whole house of Israel which was fed in the wilderness (**Ex. 16**). Jesus was fulfilling (**Col. 2:17**) the ministry of Moses.

***Deut. 8:2-3** And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.*

***John 6** "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life...; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst..."*

## Jesus Walks on the Water (v. 22-36)

- Matthew again connects Jesus' miracle to the fulfillment of Scripture:

*Is. 43:1-3 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

- Peter goes to Jesus on the water, but when he saw the waves he became afraid.

- A summary of Jesus' ministry:

*v. 34-36 And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.*