

## Ever Had One of Those Days?

Have you ever had one of those days where you thought you had all you could take, but the circumstances demanded more? Read these hard hitting events in the life of Jesus, all which occurred in the space of 24 hours!

### The Day Jesus Had.

(1) Jesus' day began early in the morning when news came about John the Baptist, who was Jesus' cousin in the flesh, and his predecessor in the work of introducing God's kingdom. The news was as bad as it gets. John the Baptist is dead; beheaded by Herod for standing his ground on the righteousness of God. King Herod had taken his brother's wife as his own. John pointed this out as being unlawful with God, and it caused his imprisonment and his subsequent death. This had to be a heartfelt loss for Jesus. But the day is just beginning!

(2) Next Jesus heard that Herod was looking for him. Herod feared that Jesus was John the Baptist raised from the dead.

(3) Finally, good news. Still in the morning, Jesus' twelve apostles arrived. They had been traveling, preaching about the coming kingdom, and they had experienced success. They had demonstrated the power of God and people listened!

(4) The good news about Jesus was spreading, and multitudes of people began seeking out Jesus, even finding him in a deserted remote place. It was distracting, so Jesus and his disciples got on a ship to move to another location. What a day!

(5) The crowd was persistent. They spotted the direction Jesus and his disciples were heading by ship, and actually outran them on land. They were waiting for Jesus. How imposing!

(6) Sometime during the morning Jesus took time to teach these people, and to heal those who were handicapped, diseased, and crippled. Of all days, why would Jesus take time for others on this day, in which most would not do anything in light of losing a best friend. But the people demanded his attention. So Jesus taught and healed, tirelessly.

(7) Then something else naturally arose. The thousands which had assembled themselves unto Jesus became hungry. As evening came

Jesus' disciples recommended that he send the thousands away to find food. But Jesus said they should be fed in the deserted place at which he was teaching them. All the food that could be found was five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus took that food and miraculously fed everyone. What a day!

(8) By now the crowds were tired, just as Jesus and his disciples were. Jesus again instructed his twelve disciples to enter a ship and go to the other side of the sea. This time Jesus insisted that the multitudes go home. He knew that in their minds they were preparing to draft him as their king. The crowds obeyed his authority, and Jesus himself left to a mountain to pray. By now it's late in the night. Jesus must be exhausted, but yet, as he does in so many instances, he takes time to pray to his heavenly Father. We've got to know this is part of the reason Jesus was able to accomplish so much on this day. But it's not over yet!

(9) In the meantime, while Jesus had gone to pray on the mountain, the disciples found that a quick trip across the sea of Galilee had become a nightmare! A storm had arisen, which left them struggling for hours, helplessly in the middle of the sea. By now it's getting somewhere between 3-6 a.m.

(10) In their desperate state of mind they noticed someone walking on the water towards them. "It's a ghost" they cried out. Jesus responded, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

(11) Peter said, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water." Jesus said, "Come". "And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save Me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

(12) Jesus and Peter entered the ship and the wind ceased. The storm was over, the waters were calm, but the minds of these apostles were wild with amazement and wonder. Why couldn't they reconcile that the same one who had miraculously fed the thousands could also walk on water and control weather?

(13) This left the apostles to do what they could only sensibly do. They worshipped Jesus, and said, "Of a truth thou art the Son of God." This day finally ended, as it fittingly should, with worship!

**If you ever have one of those days:**

- Worship and serve the Father.
- Do not be surprised if more burdens keep coming.
- Do not let circumstances govern you.
- Depend on Jesus like everyone else did on such a day.

*Taken from Accounts in Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, and John 6.*

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