

A Day in THE Life: Jesus gets us. Matthew 14 & Mark 6

Jesus understands what it's like to have a real friend.

📖 Matthew 11:11a (NIV) "I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist..."

📖 Luke 1:41–43 (NIV) "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

📖 John 1:6–9 (NIV) "There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through Him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world."

📖 John 3:30 (NIV) "He must become greater; I must become less."

📖 Matthew 14:3–5 (NIV) "Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵ Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered him a prophet."

Jesus understands what it's like to lose someone suddenly.

📖 Matthew 14:6–12 (NIV) "On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for them and pleased Herod so much ⁷ that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist." ⁹ The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted ¹⁰ and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother. ¹² John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus."

📖 Mark 6:27–29 (NIV) "...he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb."

Jesus understands what it's like to have to deliver bad news.

📖 Matthew 14:12 (NIV) "John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus."

📖 Mark 6:29–30 (NIV) "On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. ³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to Him all they had done and taught."

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- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Assimilating people into the church
- Celebrating God
- Teaching the Word of God

Did you ever have a WWJD bracelet? If so, do you still ask yourself that question? Other than the 24 hours between the Garden of Gethsemane and His crucifixion, no other day was more stressful than the day we are looking at in this sermon series (Matthew 14). Describe the most stressful day that you've ever had. Which do you think is worse—to be in the midst of a celebration and be told bad news or have to be the bearer of bad news? How does it feel to know that Jesus gets you?

