



### **A prophet without honour (6:1-6)**

- 1 What was Jesus' hometown?
- 2 What were people amazed about?
- 3 Why did they "take offense at him"?
- 4 What was Jesus' trade? Did he do this while he was preaching?
- 5 Compare Luke's record. What did Jesus teach in the synagogue?
- 6 Why couldn't Jesus do many miracles there?
- 7 Does this mean he was physically incapable of doing miracles there, or that it was against God's will?

### **Jesus sends out the apostles (6:7-13)**

- 8 Why did Jesus send the disciples out two by two?
- 9 Find other examples of Jesus' followers preaching in pairs. (Hint: look at the cross-references.)
- 10 What does it mean that he gave them authority over the unclean spirits?
- 11 What did the disciples take with them?
- 12 Why not take food?
- 13 Why did Jesus tell them to take so little with them?
- 14 Is there a lesson for us in this instruction of Jesus?
- 15 Why did they shake off the dust?
- 16 Can you find any examples of the disciples shaking the dust off their feet?
- 17 They preached that people should repent. Was this a new message?
- 18 Why were they to anoint sick people with oil? What else was oil used for?

**The death of John the Baptist (6:14–29)**

- 19 Who was King Herod?
- 20 How do you think Jesus' name had become well known?
- 21 Why did people suggest that John had been raised from the dead?
- 22 Why did some suggest that Jesus was Elijah? Who was Elijah?
- 23 Did those who suggested Jesus was a prophet have any particular prophet in mind?
- 24 The people pondered who Jesus was — how do you explain to others who Jesus is?
- 25 Why did Herod believe Jesus was John?
- 26 Using a Bible dictionary, see if you can find out about the family connections of Herod.
- 27 Why was it unlawful for Herod to marry his brother's wife?
- 28 Why did Herod fear John so much?
- 29 What puzzled Herod when he heard John?
- 30 Why did he like to listen to him?
- 31 What was the reason for the banquet?
- 32 Do you think Herodias sent her daughter to dance, hoping it would lead to John's death?
- 33 Why did Herod order the death of John the Baptist?
- 34 Herod promised with an oath. What is the New Testament teaching about oaths?
- 35 If the girl had asked for half of the kingdom, would Herod have given it?
- 36 Why was the king greatly distressed?
- 37 How do you think John's disciples felt when they heard of his death?

**Jesus feeds the five thousand (6:30–44)**

- 38 Did Jesus know that John had been beheaded? (Hint: look at the other gospel records)
- 39 What might his feelings have been when he heard the news?
- 40 Where did Jesus and the apostles go?
- 41 Are there many times recorded of Jesus going to a solitary place?
- 42 How did those running reach the other side of the lake ahead of Jesus?
- 43 How did Jesus react when he saw the crowd?
- 44 How would sheep act if they had no shepherd? How did this apply to the people?
- 45 What sorts of things did Jesus teach?
- 46 Was it reasonable for Jesus to tell the disciples to give thousands of people something to eat? Do you think they thought it was reasonable?
- 47 Where did they get five loaves and two fish?
- 48 How was the crowd fed?
- 49 Is it important that the grass was green?
- 50 Why do you think Jesus organized the people in groups?
- 51 Should we look up to heaven when we give thanks for meals?
- 52 Does the breaking of the loaves remind you of anything else in the Bible?
- 53 How much food was left over?
- 54 Why was there so much bread left over?
- 55 How big were the baskets?

## **Jesus walks on the water (6:45–52)**

- 56 “Immediately!” Was Jesus in a hurry?
- 57 Why did Jesus want the disciples to go ahead of him in the boat?
- 58 Why did Jesus go onto the mountain?
- 59 Did Jesus have any particular reason for wanting to pray alone?
- 60 What other examples can you find of Jesus going into the hills to pray?
- 61 How did Jesus see that the disciples were having trouble with their rowing?
- 62 Was Jesus going to help the disciples?
- 63 When is the fourth watch of the night?
- 64 Are there any other examples of people walking on water?
- 65 When the disciples saw Jesus, what did they think he was?
- 66 What did they not understand?
- 67 What is a hard heart?
- 68 Jesus told the disciples “it is I; have no fear”. Is that relevant for us today?

## **Jesus heals the sick at Gennesaret (6:53–56)**

- 69 Had Jesus been in Gennesaret before?  
How did the people recognize him?
- 70 In verse 54 it sounds as if it was by chance that the people of the area met Jesus.  
Read John 6:22–25 to find out if this was true.
- 71 Are there other examples of people touching the fringe of Jesus clothes and being healed?