When It Gets to You

Mt 14:13-21

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John’s death was not an accident or bad luck; how would you describe it and its likely impact on his cousin Jesus and all of their disciples?

What do we typically do when something horrible happens? What theological truth is Jesus living through this whole story immediately after he received news of John’s murder?

How far out on a limb had the crowds come to see Jesus (vv. 13, 15)? Is that partly why Jesus had compassion on them? Was he responding to their faith?

How different were the miracles before and after the disciples arrived (vv. 14ff)? Why is it important that Jesus involved them?

How does the needed, simple fish and bread meal compare with Herod’s luxuriant birthday party? Who was satisfied? What can that help us understand in our wealthy world?

What stories does eating from the hand of God in the wilderness remind us of from the Bible?