And Jesus Went Forth...

Matthew 14:13-36

Intro:

A. The life of Jesus has many baffling scenes.
   1. The angels at His birth.
   2. His appearance at the temple at age 12.
   3. The mysterious years of silence.

B. Things always happened when He, "went forth".
   1. "he healed their sick" v.14
   2. He blessed, and brake, and gave loaves..." v.19
   3. "...it is I, be not afraid..." v.27
   4. "...as many as touched were made perfectly whole." V.36

I. He Healed Their Sick.

A. Jesus left for a place of isolation when he learned of the death of John the Baptist. V.13
   1. his time had not come.
   2. No one can accuse Him of cowardice.
   3. Great multitudes followed Him.

B. Jesus did not abandon His mission. V.14
   1. compassion = σπλαγχνιζομαι = "to feel one's insides yearn", "to experience great pity"
   2. He continued to do what was right.

II. The Feeding Of The Multitude.

A. The place of the feeding. V.15
   1. It was a desert place.
   2. There were no provisions.

B. The time of the feeding.
   1. "the time is now past..."
   2. "and supper-time has passed already" - Rieu

C. The disciples' solution. V.15
   1. "send the multitude away..."
   2. send = πέμπειν = "to let go" - This lacks a mission of importance and authority.
   3. "let them buy victuals."
D. The solution of Jesus. v.16
1. "They need not depart;"
2. "give ye them to eat"
3. The disciples lacked faith. They had seen His healing power, but this would be unique. V.17
4. "Bring them hither to me." V.18
5. The blessing and the breaking. V.19a
6. The disciples helped. V.19b
7. "...they did all eat..." v.20a
8. "that remained twelve baskets full." V.20
9. The extent for the miracle, 5,000 men plus. V.21

III. The Miracle On The Sea.

A. Jesus sent the disciples on a ship. V.22
1. constrained = ἀνάγκαζω = "to force"
2. He went up a mountain to pray. V.23

B. The disciples and the sea. V.24
1. "...in the midst of the sea."
2. "tossed with waves"
3. "wind was contrary."
4. Jesus went to them. V.25
5. The disciples were "troubled."
6. troubled = τωροοςω = "to stir up", "agitate"
7. Jesus encouraged them. V.27

C. Peter walked on the water.
1. Peter’s need of proof. V.28
2. The invitation of Jesus. V.29
3. Peter’s lack of faith. V.30
4. Jesus caught him. V.31a
5. The problem, lack of faith and doubt. V.31b
6. doubt = δυσταξω = “to stand in two ways,” “to be uncertain.”

D. The end of the miracle.
1. "the wind ceased." V.32
2. "...thou art the Son of God." v.33

IV. Miracles In The Land Of Gennesaret.

A. They had knowledge of Him. V.35
1. knowledge = επιγνωσκω = “to know,” “give attention,” “to know fully”
2. They brought their diseased to Him.

B. The hem of His garment. V.36
1. They touched the border of his robe.
2. They were made perfectly whole.
3. perfectly = διασωζω = "to bring safely through."