

## **Sermon Notes - February 19, 2017**

### **“Handling Big Problems”**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

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Why do you think this incident was so impressed on the minds of Jesus' first followers that it is the only miraculous sign of Jesus' ministry – besides his resurrection – that is recorded in all four Gospels?

Upon hearing of John's death, it seems Jesus wanted to get away from the crowds but they followed him. How do you typically respond when your plans are interrupted by people and their problems? What does the passage say about Jesus' motivation for responding as he did?

The crowd would not have been fed apart from Jesus doing something supernatural; yet he expected his disciples to use their power and resources as well.

- When have you seen seemingly small resources used to a much greater effect than you thought possible?
- What situation are you facing now that is impossible apart from God showing up and doing something you and other people can't? What resources – however small – can you contribute?