



Introduction

Jesus' message is opposed by many.



Questions

1. Why were the people astonished by Jesus' teaching in the synagogue?
2. What was the disciples' message to the people?
3. What was Jesus' attitude to the multitude?



Machaerus, near the Dead Sea (see map), Herod's fortified hilltop palace where John the Baptist would probably have been held (v 17).



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 13** The people of Jesus' own town do not believe in him. Jesus sends out his twelve disciples to preach repentance (see theme) and to heal those who are ill
- **v 14 to 29** King Herod thinks that Jesus is John the Baptist risen from the dead. Herod had previously put John to death
- **v 30 to 44** Such large crowds of people follow Jesus, that he needs to feed 5,000 men (plus women and children). He does this with just five loaves and two fishes
- **v 45 and 46** Jesus sends his disciples and the crowds away and he goes into a mountain to pray
- **v 47 to 52** After the disciples leave by boat, a strong headwind blows up. Jesus walks on the water and calms the wind
- **v 53 to 56** When Jesus and the disciples reach the other side of the lake, crowds of ill people come to him and he heals them

Timeline AD 30 (see below)



Theme

Repentance

A selection of verses showing the importance of repentance. Repentance is concerned with a change of attitude and behaviour in our relationship with God. God's appeal to Israel, through the prophet Ezekiel, defines repentance and its necessity:

Ezekiel 18 verses 30 and 31

Jesus calls people to repentance during his ministry:

Mark 1 verses 14 and 15

Jesus' ministry caters for a universal human need – forgiveness of sins following repentance:

Luke 5 verses 31 and 32

Repentance is essential for our long-term future. Jesus says this when his attention is drawn to the untimely death of some contemporary people:

Luke 13 verses 1 to 5

Week 2 Day 5 Mark 6

Understand your Bible reading plan



After Jesus has risen from the dead, he instructs his disciples to continue to invite people to repent and believe his teaching. It is part of God's plan already recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures:

Luke 24 verses 45 to 47

Jesus' apostles carry out this commission and preach repentance:

Acts 3 verse 19, 26 verses 19 and 20

Israel in New Testament times

Map of main places in Israel in New Testament times including Machaerus



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q1: v 2, Q2: v 12, Q3: v 34



Bible timeline

