

# Mark 6 : 25 - 48

mother, What is my request to be? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

(25) And she came in quickly to the king, and said, My desire is that you give me straight away on a plate the head of John the Baptist.

(26) And the king was very sad; but because of his oaths, and those who were with him at table, he would not say 'No' to her.

(27) And straight away the king sent out one of his armed men, and gave him an order to come back with the head: and he went and took off John's head in prison,

(28) And came back with the head on a plate, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

(29) And when his disciples had news of it, they came and took up his body, and put it in its last resting-place.

(30) And the twelve came together to Jesus; and they gave him an account of all the things they had done, and all they had been teaching.

(31) And he said to them, We are going to go away by ourselves to a quiet place, and take a rest for a time. Because there were a great number coming and going, and they had no time even for food.

(32) And they went away in the boat to a waste place by themselves.

(33) And the people saw them going, and a number of them, having knowledge who they were, went running there together on foot from all the towns, and got there before them.

(34) And he got out, and saw a great mass of people, and he had pity on them, because they were like sheep without a keeper: and he gave them teaching about a number of things.

(35) And at the end of the day, his disciples came to him and said, This place is waste land,

and it is late:

(36) Send them away, so that they may go into the country and small towns round about, and get some food for themselves.

(37) But he said to them in answer, Give them food yourselves. And they said to him, Are we to go and get bread for two hundred pence, and give it to them?

(38) And he said to them, How much bread have you? go and see. And when they had seen, they said, Five cakes of bread and two fishes.

(39) And he made them all be seated in groups on the green grass.

(40) And they were placed in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

(41) And he took the five cakes of bread and the two fishes and, looking up to heaven, he said words of blessing over them; and when the cakes were broken, he gave them to the disciples to put before the people; and he made division of the two fishes among them all.

(42) And they all took of the food and had enough.

(43) And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken bits and of the fishes.

(44) And those who took of the bread were five thousand men.

(45) And straight away he made his disciples

get into the boat, and go before him to the other side to Beth-saida, while he himself sent the people away.

(46) And after he had sent them away, he went up into a mountain for prayer.

(47) And by evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he by himself on the land.

(48) And seeing that they had trouble in getting their boat through the water, because the wind was against them, about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea; and he would have gone past them;