

CHAPTER 14

AT that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

3 ¶ For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

9 And the king was sorry: never-

theless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*.

10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother.

12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

13 ¶ When Jesus heard *of it*, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard *thereof*, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

15 ¶ And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

22 ¶ And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them,

walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

34 ¶ And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that

place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

CHAPTER 15

THEN came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias

prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

10 ¶ And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

15 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable.

16 And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?

17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the

mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

21 ¶ Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's

bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

29. And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them *those that were* lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 ¶ Then Jesus called his disciples *unto him*, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

33 And his disciples say unto

him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?

34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake *them*, and gave to his

disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets full.

38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In today's reading Jesus is withdrawing from the multitudes and spending more time alone with His disciples, preparing them for His crucifixion. We must keep in mind that even the disciples, at this point, were thinking of an earthly and political kingdom, and they did not understand Jesus' teaching about the cross. It was necessary, therefore, that Jesus prepare them for this great testing experience.

There are three main sections in chapter 14: (1) The death of John the Baptist (verses 1-12). (2) The feeding of the 5,000 (verses 13-21). (3) The miracle of the storm (verses 22-36). There are also three characteristics of this present age in relation to the servants of God: (1) Persecution (verses 1-12)—Christ's servants will suffer and die for Him. (2) Provision (verses 13-21)—Christ's servants will administer the Bread of Life to men. (3) Protection (verses 22-36)—Christ will pray for His servants and rescue them.

In chapter 15 Jesus is withdrawing from the Pharisees (verse 21) into the region of Tyre and Sidon; from there into Galilee (verse 29); and, finally, from Galilee to the coast of Magdala (verse 39). Keep in mind that during this period He was avoiding open trouble with Jewish leaders, while continuing to teach His disciples and prepare them for His death on the cross. Verses 1-20 should be labeled, "Truth versus Tradition," and verses 21-39, "Jesus and the Gentiles."

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the

rod of his anger shall fail" (Proverbs 22:8)

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 31: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

BIRTHDAY TODAY

CECIL LAWSON

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

THE FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS CONTINUED.

1876

THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED.

Did you ever pause to think of the tremendous advantages we have because of books? Did you ever stop to think what a Bible looked like in the days before the printing press? In these days of television and leisure time we need to thank God for books and avail ourselves to them. So few people really read any more. Let us thank God for our library system and the ready availability of good reading material.

1536

WILLIAM TYNDALE WAS EXECUTED.

It was William Tyndale who gave us the first printed English New Testament. Certainly we should thank God today for him and his life, and for the privilege that is ours of having the New Testament in our language. There are many languages and dialects in the world today that do not have the New Testament.

We should praise God that we do.

How much of the Bible have you read lately? How much of it do you know? Why not spend some time today simply reading the Bible. It will be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. Hiding its words in your heart will keep you from sin. It will give you great peace and keep you from being offended. Especially today, turn to the 119th Psalm. Read it through. Mark everything in this Psalm that the Bible does for a Christian. Then mark everything in this Psalm that the Christian is to do to the Bible. Then mark everything the Bible is called in this Psalm. It will enrich your life.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1847

National black convention met in Troy, N.Y., with more than sixty delegates from nine states. Nathan Johnson of Massachusetts was elected president.

1868

Black state convention at Macon, Georgia, protested expulsion of black politicians from Georgia legislature.

1871

Fisk Jubilee Singers began first national tour.

1917

Fannie Lou Hamer, freedom fighter, born.

A Christian Life . . .

THOMAS TODHUNTER SHIELDS (1873-1955)

Canadian pastor. T.T. Shields was born in Bristol, England, the son of a Baptist minister. At an early age, he was converted to Christ during a revival meeting in his father's church. He was educated in British universities. After a few pastorates in England, he was called to the Jarvis Street Baptist Church in Toronto, Canada, in 1910, where he served for 45 years.

However, his service for Christ was not confined to the Jarvis Street Church, in that he was active in the following capacities: vice-chairman of the Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, president of the Baptist Union of North America, vice-president of the International Council of Christian Churches, president of the Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec, president of the Conservative Baptist Churches of Canada, president of the Canadian Council of Evangelical Christian Churches, and president of the Canadian Protestant League.

In 1927 Dr. Shields organized the Toronto Baptist Seminary. He also was the author of a number of Christian books. He was the leading exponent of fundamental Christianity in Canada, which caused him to be referred to as "the Spurgeon of Canada."



Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION: FULFILLED PROMISES TO ISRAEL

(Assignment 31)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Regathered to their own land. (587 B.C.)

() Ezekiel 36:24

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. (Fulfilled in 1948.)

Regathered in unbelief.

() Romans 11:25

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Regathered after led captve into all nations. (70 A.D. to 1948 A.D.)

() Luke 21:24

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Restoration to be permanent.

() Amos 9:15

And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

Restoration will be spiritual.

() Romans 11:26

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.