

Let Nothing Be Wasted!

Mt. 14:6-21

6. On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for them and pleased Herod so much

7. that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.

8. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

9. The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted

10. and had John beheaded in the prison.

11. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother.

12. John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

13. When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

14. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

15. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

16. Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17. "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

18. "Bring them here to me," he said.

19. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

20. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces (crumbs) that were left over.

21. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Vs. 13 says, "he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place"

Mk. 6:34 - When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Vs. 15 - As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Mk. 6:37-38 - But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five loaves of bread and two fish."

2Ki. 4:2 - Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?" "Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a little oil."

Mk. 6:38b - When they found out, they said, "Five--and two fish."

Mt. 14:18 - "Bring them here to me," he said.

John 6:9 - "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Mt. 14:19 - And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

Mt. 14:20a - They all ate

John 4:10 - Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Mt. 14:20b - and were satisfied

Pieces = leftovers, unused, neglected, wasted, uneaten.

Jn. 6:12 - When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

2Pet. 3:9 - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (be saved)

Mt. 15:25-28

25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

26 He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Mt.14:20-21 - They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.