

Chapter 14 (1 - 12)

Not long after Jesus began traveling and teaching, King Herod arrested John the Baptist and put him in prison. This was because John had told Herod he was breaking the Law by living with Herodias, his brother's wife.

During a birthday party for Herod, the daughter of Herodias danced. Her dancing so pleased Herod that he said he would give her anything she wanted.

Herodias told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a dish. Herod then had John beheaded. John's disciples came and buried the body.

Jesus, please give the world good leaders,
and protect people from bad leaders like Herod

Chapter 14 (13 - 21)

Once after Jesus had been healing and teaching many people all afternoon, his disciples said to him "It's getting late and the people need to go and eat".

Jesus replied "They don't need to go. *You* feed them". The disciples replied "We have only 5 loaves and 2 fish".

Jesus got the people to sit on the grass. There were about 20,000 of them. Then he blessed the loaves and fish. He handed the loaves and fish to his disciples. His disciples gave them to the crowd. Everyone had plenty to eat. They even had 12 baskets of leftovers.

Jesus, please make leaders do more
to help the starving people of the world