

# MATTHEW FOURTEEN

## Take - a - ways

### THE KING BEGINS TO WITHDRAW

Persecution (Vss 1-12) - Beheading of John the Baptist

Provision ( Vss 13-21) - Feeding of the Multitude

Protection ( Vss 22-36) - The Miracle of the Storm

Pride was the undoing of the Herod family  
Herod would not back down on his promise of reward to Salome  
Herodias refused to be shamed by an itinerant preacher

The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes  
Was not for the people gathered there  
It was for the disciples  
Jesus took the elements - blessed them  
BUT then gave them to the disciples to distribute  
Soon they would be giving out the Bread of Life without Him

When we find ourselves in the storms of life  
We can rest on several assurances:  
a) He brought me here  
What am I to learn from this experience  
b) He is praying for me  
Even when I am not sure how to pray  
c) He will come to me  
Though He seems remote and far away - He is always near  
d) He will help me to grow  
Every trial can be a learning experience  
e) He will see me through  
He is the author and finisher of our faith