

Christ's Deeds Arouse Guilt

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By R.H. RAMSEY The opening verses of today's lesson, Matthew 14, relate the gruesome details surrounding the murder of John the Baptist during the winter of A.D. 29.

As Jesus' fame grew, Herod Antipas, who had given the order for the beheading of John, became fearful that this person Jesus was none other than John the Baptist restored to life.

At the time when the 5,000 were miraculously fed (Matthew 14:13-21), the rising tide of criticism and unbelief directed toward Jesus and His message had culminated in the death of John the Baptist.

By the time Jesus had taught all day long, the throng was hungry. Instead of telling them to go and eat and then return, Christ took five loaves of bread and two fishes from those present and, by miraculous power, continued to break-these and pass out food until all had eaten and were filled.

After the multitudes had been fed, both physically and spiritually, Christ sent the disciples to the other side of the Sea of Galilee in a small boat and went up on a mountain to pray.

During the night a sudden storm—to which the Sea of Galilee is exceptionally prone—blew up, and the disciples were distressed to keep the small boat afloat, let alone make any headway toward either shore.

Utterly exhausted, and lacking strength to continue the battle against the wind and the waves, the disciples were very close to drowning when Christ suddenly appeared to them, walking across the unruly waters of the sea.

Now the disciples were doubly afraid: of their own fate and thinking that the Christ they saw was but a ghost. But Jesus calmed their fears to such extent that the impulsive Peter asked to be allowed to walk upon the water also.

His Lord said, "Come," and without hesitation Peter yielded his will to the will of the Lord. He placed his trail, feeble human foot upon the wave, and he did not sink; he was upheld and "walked upon the waters to come to Jesus."

Yet Peter was human, and when, within a very few minutes, he saw the waves threatening to engulf him, he yielded to his humanity and cried upon the Lord to save him.

Jesus rescued Peter and together they gained the safety of the boat. Immediately Christ set about calming the wind and the waves. When the miracle had been accomplished, the disciples worshipped Him as the true Son of God.

Matthew 15 opens with the statement that several scribes and Pharisees made the journey from Jerusalem to Capernaum for the express purpose of accusing the disciples—and, through them, Christ Himself—of breaking the "tradition of the elders" in that they did not constantly perform the ritual purification of the hands by washing each time they came in contact with the presumed defilement of the Gentiles.

Jesus disdains to answer the question, turning instead to the far more important matter of the Pharisees' breaking actual commandments of God because of traditions of their own. Such hypocrisy and knavery, according to Jesus, was what Isaiah had in mind in his prophecy (Isaiah 29:13).

The ceremonial uncleanness of which the Pharisees and scribes complain is a small matter, moral uncleanness—the breaking of the Commandments—is more to be dreaded.

Christ expounded this philosophy even further, saying it was not the physical things which defiled a man; but those which come from the heart, mind, emotions, will and spirit—centers of man. A man may be ceremonially clean, but his heart remains a sink of iniquity.

Tradition and Christian Duty ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



Jesus teaches by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fishes, proving man needs more than bread to sustain life.—Matthew 14:1-21. Jesus rebukes the scribes and Pharisees for hypocrisy; for willfully breaking Commandments and condemning those who do so unknowingly.—Matthew 15:1-30.

MEMORY VERSE: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."—John 10:10.

Salvation Army Reappraises Its Place In Modern World

By GODFREY ANDERSON LONDON (AP) — Facing its 100th birthday, the Salvation Army is making a reappraisal of its role in the modern world. The long-term strategy of saving souls and exposing evil social conditions remains the same. The short-term tactics are being changed. Poverty—at least in Europe and North America—is not the great problem it was 100 years ago. Soup kitchens are no longer needed for the near-starving. But other social problems are still around and some of them are worse than ever.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel 235 Cumberland St., at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—Bible Hour and Sunday School 7:30 p.m.—Message by Mr. Stanley

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH Dunkirk & Kirkwood Minister: Rev. Clayton C. Lewis Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson

St. Peter's Cathedral st. John's Square Anglican Church of Canada The Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector

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Officers Needed A lack of competent officers, as career salvanists are called, is slowing the army's advance on the social front. This problem is particularly acute in Britain, because most of the army's missionaries are sent out from here.

The Salvation Army The "Home of Evangelism Since 1865" Great George Street 35 Villa Avenue Major Ronald H. Walker

Calvary Temple Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Upper Prince Street Rev. C. K. Benn, Pastor

The Kirk of St. James The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister Organist and Director of the Choirs

Central Christian Church 219 Kent Street Charlottetown, P.E.I. MORNING 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages

Zion Presbyterian Church Corner Prince and Grafton Streets The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister

APPEAL PROVED "I don't like their music but they do appeal," said Wickberg. "Now the model of the Joy Strings is being copied in many corps throughout Britain. But we have to watch this sort of thing—that they don't overstep the mark."

First shot in this campaign was formation of the Joy Strings pop group of boy and girl salvanists. They have played in the busy streets of London, on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral and even in a smart West-End night club where liquor was served.

Both married Catherine Mansford, later widely known as the army mother, and together they raised a big Victorian family—five daughters, three sons. All became salvanists.

MEETINGS STONED It wasn't easy. Those were the days when London saloons were open 18 hours of the 24



FORGOTTEN ANYTHING

THE CHURCH FOR ALL ALL FOR THE CHURCH The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values.

No, not a single thing! Mom always shops carefully for her family. She watches their health. She makes sure they have a clean, comfortable home. She sees that they get practically anything they want.

Well, how about their spiritual well-being? A family needs a religious framework in which to develop moral responsibility and steadfast faith.

Remember, Mom... "Man's life consists not in the abundance of things which he possesses." Don't deprive your family or yourself of the many precious values the Church can give.

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