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43. "Than sal the richtous glint forth like the sun, i' their Faither's Kingdom. Wha has hearin to hear, lat him hear!

44. "Ance again: The Kingdom o' Heeven is like till gear, bidlins in a field; the same, whan a man has fund, he hides again, and for the joy o't gangs and niffers a' that he has, and buys that field.

45. "Again, the Kingdom o' Heeven is like till a tradin-man, seekin precious pearls;

46. "Wha, whan he has fund ae pearl o' a' price, gaed and sell't a' he had, and coft it.

47. "Again, the Kingdom o' Heeven is like till a net cuisten intil the sea, and it gaither't o' a' kinds:

48. "Whilk, whan it was fu', they harl't till the shore, and they sut them doon and waled oot the gude intil creels, but cuist the bad awa.

49. "Sae sal it be at the end o' the warld: the Angels sal come forrit, and wale oot the wicked frae amang the gude;

50. "And sal cast them intil the lowin furnace: thar sal be maenin and girnin o' teeth!"

51. And quo' Jesus till them: "Hae ye understude a' thir things?" Quo' they till him: "Aye Lord!"

52. Than said he till them, "Ilka scribe wi' the lear o' the Kingdom o' Heeven, is like till ane that is heid o' a hoose, wha can fesh oot o' his presses things baith new and auld."

53. And it cam aboot, that whan Jesus had made an end o' a' his parables, he gaed frae that place.

54. And whan he was come intil his ain kintra-side, he was teachin them i' their kirks, sae that they war astonish't, and quo' they: "Whaur gat this man this wisdom, and thir ferlies?"

55. "Isna this the wricht's son? And isna his mither ca'd 'Mary'? And his brithers James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Judah?"

56. And his sisters, arena they a' wi' us? Frae whaurawa, than, has this man thir things?"

57. And they war stumbl't at him. But Jesus said till them: "A Propther is nevir wantin honor, binna it be in his ain kintra-side, and amang his ain folk."

58. And he wrocht-na mony wunner-warks thar, because o' their unbelievin:

CHAPTIR FOWRTEEN.

Herod slays John. Bred i' the Wilderness. Christ's fit road on the Sea.

A BOOT that time Herod, the King-Depute, heard a' that was said aboot Jesus.

2. And quo' he till them o' his hoose-hauld, "This maun be John the Baptist: he is risen frae the deid; and sae div thir pooers schaw theirsels in him.

3. For Herod had grippit John, and putten him in bonds; and cuist him intil prison for the sake o' Herodias, wife o' his brither Philip.

4. For John said till him: "It is unlawful for ye to hae her!"

5. And whan he wad hae putten him to deid, he was fley't o' the people, for they reckon'd him a Prophet.

6. But whan Herod's birthday cam, the dochter o' Herodias danced i' the mids o' them a', and glamor'd Herod.

7. Whauron, he swure to gie her ony-thing she micht crave.

8. And she, bein set on by her mither, said: "Gie me here John Baptist's heid, on a server!"

9. And the king was griev't; but for the sake o' his aiths, and for thae that sat at meat wi' him, he commandit it to be gien till her.

10. And he sent, and beheidit John i' the prison.

11. And his heid was brocht on a server, and gien till the lass; and she brocht it till her mither.

12. And his disciples cam, and tookup the body, and bury't it; and gaed and tell't Jesus.

13. And whan Jesus heard it, he gaed awa by boat till a desert-place oot-by; and whan the crowds heard o't, they follow't on fit frae the toons.

14. And he cam oot, and saw a great thrang; and he had pitie on them and healed thir sick anes.

15. And whan it cam on the e'enin, his disciples cam till him, and quo' they, "This is but a desert-bit, and the time is gaun by; send the folk awa, that they may gang till the neebor-toons, and buy theirsels meat!"

16. But Jesus said till them, "They need-na gang awa; gie ye them to eat!"

17. Quo' they till him, "We hae here but five bannocks, and twa fish."

18. He said, "Fesh them here till me!"