

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 6 14-29



Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
Psalm 85:7

Praising:

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more keenly felt than heaven; there is no place where earth's failings, have such gracious judgement given.

Reading:

Mark 6:14-29
John the Baptist meets his death

Confusion between Jesus and John the Baptist did linger for some. Herod was intrigued by Jesus because he had already dispatched with John for condemning Herod's marriage. It's up to us to disprove the charge that when it comes to other people's moral choices Christians have a tendency to be critical and judgmental. A spirit of love and acceptance that comes

from the divine desire to forgive is one thing. A spirit of condemnation and disapproval that comes from the human desire to punish is another. But that does not mean wavering on what is right and what is wrong, especially when God's word is plain and clear. Some things simply fall short of God's will for us and there will be times when, like John the Baptist, there will be a price to pay for saying so.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we remember those who take a stand for your truth

- that they may do so firmly and courageously but gently and compassionately.
- give them the wisdom and insight to choose the right battles to fight
- touch their hearts with your eternal love for all that you have created

Father: when I'm tempted to condemn wrong behaviour, remind me of the sin Christ cleansed me from; when I'm tempted to condone it, remind me of what it cost him to do so.
Amen

Doing: