

## **Sketches – Idolatry – myfishbites.com**

**Pastor** - (walks into church - an empty space). What's going on? Where is everything?

**Holy Harry** - Pastor. Glad you're here. I've been cleaning out the idols from the church

**Pastor** - What do you mean - cleaning out the idols, we don't have any to clean

**Holy Harry** - Ah, that's where you're wrong Pastor. For starters I've got rid of the organ

**Pastor** - Got rid of the organ? Why? I was going to sell that.

**Holy Harry** - Ah precisely. Lusting after money. It was idolatrous. I mean, the Bible says we'll be praising God in heaven and let's face it, it won't be with that organ!

**Pastor** - (getting more worried). And where, may I ask, is the deacons table?

**Holy Harry** - Gone

**Pastor** - Gone?

**Holy Harry** - Yes, gone. Along with the deacons.

**Pastor** - What do you mean?

**Holy Harry** - Well pastor, I felt it was time for a change. The table had wooden carvings on. That's basically idolatry.

**Pastor** - Idolatry? What are you talking about you lunatic? What have you done with the deacons?

**Holy Harry** - Well, they've gone with the table.

**Pastor** - Where?

**Holy Harry** - To a good home. I've sold them.. I got an extra tenner.

**Pastor** - Result. What mug bought them...

**Holy Harry** - Z Church (replace with local friendly rivalry church).

**Pastor** - Z Church (replace with local friendly rivalry church)? But don't worry, we can use the money to repair the stained glass window!

**Holy Harry** - No we can't..

**Pastor** - Why not?

**Holy Harry** - I've sold it.

**Pastor** - Really, how much did you get for it.. I mean what?

**Holy Harry** - Well, when I say sold, I mean, smashed.

**Pastor** - Smashed?

**Holy Harry** - Yes. Jesus was both fully God and fully human, not fully glass

**Pastor** - Harry.

**Holy Harry** - Yes, Pastor.

**Pastor** - The carpet's gone. And where's the baptistry?

**Holy Harry** - I was going to come to that Pastor. I felt the carpet needed to go. I was reading through Leviticus and was shocked to find that the stone Temple in 4000 BC Israel didn't have a carpet.

**Pastor** - And? I must say I'm wondering whether to pick up the phone and have you committed.

**Holy Harry** - No, it's OK Pastor. There's no need for that. I'm already committed to the ways of the Lord. Now, where was I? Oh yes, the baptistry has gone.

**Pastor** - (joking). Oh good, I suppose that was because we should be baptising people in the Jordan River only because that's what Jesus did.

**Holy Harry** - (shocked). So, you feel the same way too Pastor. Well, I'm glad you're beginning to see things my way at last.

**Pastor** - I need a drink.. the kitchen's gone...

**Holy Harry** - (smiles). Have a little faith Pastor. For, after all, does it not say in Matthew's Gospel that Jesus fed the 5000 with merely 5 loaves and 2 fishes..?

**Pastor** - (slowly and hesitantly, not knowing what to expect next). Yes.

**Harry** - So I got rid of the kitchen. And have been fishing.

**Pastor** - Harry. So far you've told me how and why you've got rid of the organ, the deacons table, the deacons, the baptistry, the carpet and the kitchen. But where's the roof?

**Holy Harry** - Pastor, Pastor. Does not the good book say 'lift your eyes to the Lord'. And the roof was in the way. So I got rid of it..

**Pastor** - (head in hands). What else has gone? Where's my 'Tom Jones does Graham Kendrick' worship CD?

**Holy Harry** - Burned Pastor.

**Pastor** - Burned???

**Holy Harry** - Along with Tom Jones.

**Pastor** - OK so you've got rid of everything that's dear to me apart from my wife. What about her?

**Holy Harry** - Oh don't worry Pastor, no-one worships her...