

THE MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Mark 6:14-29

Key Verse: 6:18

"For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'"

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read verses 14-16. How did Jesus' disciples' evangelistic fieldwork training affect King Herod and his officials? What did people think about Jesus? What did Herod think? Why?
2. Read verses 17-20. What did Herod really think of John? (20) Why did he have John arrested?
3. Read verses 21-23. Who was Herodias? How did she become a queen? Why did she have a grudge against John? What idea was in her mind? What opportune time came?
4. Read verses 24-28. How did Herodias use her daughter to accomplish her evil intention? What kind of woman was Herodias?
5. How did Herod feel about the girl's request? Why did he yield? What kind of man was Herod? (Think about the whole passage.)
6. Read verse 29. What did John's disciples do? What was John the Baptist's mission? Why did John the Baptist become a martyr? (18) What should we learn from his martyrdom spirit and committed life?