

Death of John the Baptist

Matthew 14:1-12

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John the Baptist and Herod the Tetrarch

John the Messenger

- *⁴because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."
◦ Matthew 3:1-3*

Herod the Hedonist

- *³For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet.*
- *⁶But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, ⁷so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. ⁸Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." ⁹And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. ¹⁰He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, ¹¹and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. ¹²And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.*

Jesus and Herod

Herod the Superstitious

- *¹At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, ²and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him."
◦ Mark 6:20*

Jesus the Messiah

- *^{2b}...that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him."
◦ Luke 23:6-12*

So What?

- The Cross is imminent and necessary.
 - Matthew 17:10-13
 - Isaiah 53:3-6