**JOHN, WHOM I BEHEADED**

Mark 6:14-29 (Key Verse 6:16)

“But when Herod heard this, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!””

1. What had King Herod heard about Jesus? (14,15) What does this passage show about the impact of Jesus’ ministry so far? What did people think about Jesus? What did Herod think? (16) Why?
2. Why did Herod put John the Baptist in prison? (17-18). Why wasn’t Herodias able to kill John? (19, 20a) How did Herod respond to John? (20b) What can we learn from his failure in repenting and seeking truth?
3. How did Herodias find the opportunity to kill John? (21-25) How did Herod respond to a girl’s request? (26-28) How did Herodias use her daughter to accomplish her evil intention? What kind of woman was Herodias?
4. How did Herod feel about the girl's request? Why did he yield? What kind of man was Herod? (Think about the whole passage.) What did John’s disciples do? (29) What does this incident reveal about the man Herod, his family, and that generation?
5. 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?