

# **The Gruesome Murder of John the Baptist**

## **Mark 6:14-29**

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Herod's Tormented Conscience Led to Paranoia. vv. 14-17**

- A. Herod came from a long line of treacherous rulers. v. 14 (Matt. 14:1, Acts 4:27, Lk. 13:32, Mal. 4:5, Deut. 18:15)**
  
- B. Have you ever had your conscience bother you about something? vv. 14-16 (Rom. 2:14-15, 1 Tim. 1:5, 1:19, 4:2, Matt. 7:21)**

### **III. Herod's Brutality was Prompted by a Foolish Oath and a Powerful Wife. vv. 17-29**

- A. Are you easily persuaded by peer pressure? (Lev. 18:16, Ps. 119:34, Esth. 5:3, 1 Kings 21:1ff, Mk. 14:34, Jn. 3:26)**
  
- B. Some people gain much head knowledge, without ever obtaining salvation. v. 20 (2 Tim. 3:7, Jonah 2:9, Rom. 8:7, Ps. 119:97, 1 Cor. 6:9-11, Lk. 23:8, Lk. 23:11)**

### **IV. John was a Righteous Prophet who Boldly Declared the Truth of God. vv. 17-20**

- A. You should expect rejection and persecution in this world. (2 Tim. 3:12, Lk. 6:26, Jn. 1:15, Prov. 15:33)**
  
- B. Do you have boldness and courage to expose moral compromise? vv. 18-20 (Matt. 3:7-8, 1 Kings 21:8-13)**

### **V. Conclusion / Application**