

# MATTHEW

September 11, 2022

Matthew 14:1-13

## READ

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Mark 6:14-29

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Who, in this account, is Herod? Who is Herodias?
2. Why would Herod take an interest in Jesus? What is Herod's explanation for Jesus and His ministry (vv. 1-2)? (Do you detect any irony in this explanation?)
3. Matthew provides the background for the opening of the chapter. Why did Herod have John arrested (vv. 3-4; Luke 3:19)? (What, in Herod's mind, necessitated John's arrest?)
4. What was the original intent for John after his arrest (v. 5; Mark 6:19)?

Why was this not carried out (c.f., Mark 6:20)?

What changed in Herod's attitude? (What is the impact of a righteous & holy life?)

Identify Herod's two contrasting reactions to the words (preaching) of John (Mark 6:20)?

5. When did Herodias spring her trap (v. 6)? Why was this the "strategic" or opportune time to

act (Mark 6:21)?

6. How was Herodias' plan supposed to work? (How well does Herodias know her man?)

How did her plan work (vv. 6-8; Mark 6:22-23)?

7. Why was Herod "grieved" or "distressed" at Salome's request (v. 9; Mark 6:20)?

Identify the two reasons Herod granted Salome's request. (Why did these reasons now trump his grief?)

8. Why does Jesus withdraw to a secluded place following the news of John's murder (v. 13)?

9. Identify some ways John, though dead, still speaks (c.f., Hebrews 11:4).

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will live more boldly this week by . . .

I will live more faithfully this week by . . .