

Questions to Think About and Discuss:

**Reread Mark 6:14-29 then Read Matthew 14:1-12
to cross reference**

1. Why and by whom was John the Baptist arrested? What had Herod wanted to do to John but didn't and Why?

2. Why did Herod fear John? What reactions have you seen in today's world that could be characterized as fear of Christianity?

3. Are there any good reasons for non-Christians to fear Christians? What are some bad ways some Christians cause fear and loathing in society?

4. Why did Herod think that Jesus was John the Baptist resurrected? What does this say about Jesus' ministry? How do you think Herod felt when he heard about the miracles Jesus was doing?

5. What other cases do you know of where someone has used lust to manipulate a leader? How can a leader, or anyone for that matter, prepare his or her mind and heart to resist such manipulation?

6. What does Herodias teach us about the dangers of bitterness, anger, resentment and revenge?

7. What does Herod teach us about the power of peer pressure? How should a Christian biblically respond to peer pressure?

8. How would you explain to a non-Christian why bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people?

9. Who do you think of the fact that, even though John is dead and gone, his legacy and life still speaks of his faith and ministry impact.
