

## **Murder of John the Baptist**

Matthew 14:1 – 13

1. Who was the tetrarch?
2. What does the word “tetrarch” mean? (*You may need to use your dictionary.*)
3. What did Herod hear about?
4. Who did Herod think that the people were really talking about?
5. According to Matthew 4:12, what had happened to John the Baptist?
6. According to Matthew 14:3, why was John put into prison?
7. Who was Herodias married to?
8. What was the relationship that Herod and Herodias had?
9. Matthew 14:5 says that Herod wanted to kill John; why didn’t he?
10. What type of celebration was going on?
11. What did Herodias’ daughter do that pleased Herod?
12. Because Herod was so pleased by Herodias’ daughter’s performance, what did he promise to give her?
13. Who did she go and talk to?
14. What was the advice that the mother (Herodias) gave to her daughter?
15. What were the exact words that Herodias’ daughter said to Herod in reply to his oath/promise to give her whatever she desired?
16. How did the king (Herod) feel when he heard her request?
17. Did Herod “take back” his words of giving to her whatever she requested? Why not?
18. What did Herod have done to John the Baptist?
19. According to Matthew 14:11, what was done to John the Baptist’s head?
20. According to Matthew 14:12, what was done to John the Baptist’s body?
21. What did the disciples do after they buried John?
22. What was Jesus’ response?
23. What do you think were some things that Jesus could have been possibly thinking when He heard about John the Baptist’s death?