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**THE S. S. LESSON**

INTERNATIONAL LESSON,  
MAY 22.

The Death of John the Baptist,  
Matt. 14. 1-12. Golden Text,  
Prov. 16. 32.

Verse 1. Herod the tetrarch—Originally, a tetrarch was the ruler of the fourth part of a country. From the time of Pompey the Great the title was given to any dependent prince who, while subordinate to kings, still enjoyed many of the prerogatives of a sovereign. This Herod (Antipas) had received the government of Galilee and Peraea from his father.

Report concerning Jesus—For over a year Jesus had been preaching and healing in Galilee. Tiberias, the capital of Herod, stood on the shore of the sea of Galilee within ten miles of Capernaum, and it would have been strange if some rumor of the excitement of the multitude had not reached his ears.

2. Said, . . . This is John the Baptist—Popular opinion (Luke 9. 7-9) was divided. Some said this wonder-worker was Elijah, others that it was one of the prophets of old returned, still others that it was John risen from the dead. The last theory Herod readily adopted, because his conscience troubled him. In spite of his views as a Sadducee (compare Matt. 16. 6 with Mark 8. 15), and his consequent denial of the resurrection, his crime filled him with a haunting dread.

3-12. These verses must be regarded as a kind of parenthesis, inasmuch as verse 13 of the chapter takes up the statements made in verses 1 and 2. When Jesus heard of the suspicions of Herod concerning himself, then he made his retreat across the Lake.

3. 4. Herodias—See Word Studies for April 17. Philip the half-brother of Herod was a private citizen in Rome, and his wife, Herodias, was lured away by Antipas while the latter was visiting the imperial city. Their marriage was not lawful, inasmuch as she was his own niece and wife of his living brother (Lev. 18. 16).

5. Feared the multitude—Josephus declares that the arrest of John was for political reasons, Herod fearing a rebellion would be raised under the leadership of this popular idol. Acting upon this first impulse, the tetrarch would gladly have killed John, but he dreaded the insurrection that might follow, because the crowd regarded the Baptist as a prophet.

6. When Herod's birthday came—The observance of birthdays was a Greek custom, considered idolatrous by the Hebrews, introduced by the Herods. The birthdays of kings were widely celebrated in ancient times.

The daughter of Herodias—Satombe was her name. Her dancing, which so greatly pleased her uncle, Herod, was according to an after-dinner custom of the Greeks. Professional dancers were employed to go through performances of a licentious character. For a woman of rank to stoop to such a low act before a company of drunken revelers was a shameful outrage.

7. Whatsoever she should ask—Mark adds "even to the half of my kingdom." It was a stupid promise, made after the Oriental fashion, and sealed by an oath, and took no account of the fact that he could not, without the sanction of Rome, dispose of a foot of ground in his domain.

8. Put forward by her mother—The real reason for John's plight was of course, the bitterness of his implacable foe, Herodias, whose marriage he had so fearlessly denounced. Had it not been for her, it seems likely John would have been freed, for the heart of Herod had been stirred by his interviews with the Baptist (Mark 6. 20). But now was this conscienceless woman's chance. "As if it were some viand she is speaking, of just so doth she ask for that sacred and blessed head to be brought in in a charger" (Chrysostom). The platter was a flat tray, usually of brass, laid upon a low stool upon which rested the dishes, and around it the guests reclined. "When she requested that the head of John might be served up to her on one of the trays from which the guests were being regaled, the unfeeling jest implied that this would be to her both her professional fee and her portion of the feast."

9. The king—So he was called in popular parlance.

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which he heard the Baptist speak, show that he had formed a high estimate of the prophet.

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10. Beheaded John in the prison—The banquet must, accordingly, have been held at the fortress palace of Machaerus. Mark's account of the tragic end of the Baptist is most vivid (Mark 6. 21-29).

11. She brought it to her mother—The cold-blooded precision with which these women wrought their vengeance is almost inconceivable. But swift retribution was visited upon Antipas and Herodias. They went to Rome to seek from the emperor the title of king, and were

rewarded by being banished to Lugdunum in Gaul, Herodias voluntarily sharing Herod's exile.

12. His disciples . . . buried him, and . . . told Jesus—This loving and faithful devotion to their leader helps us to understand the fact that twenty years later, in far-

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