

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

Have you ever met a woman who is a “Herodias?” In **Mark 6**, we read about Herod’s wife. Now Herod did not particularly like John, but he was very convicted about him, because John did not spare anybody, anywhere, in any circumstance, from the truth of the Word of God. I feel some of us have taken the Word of God and we have changed the Word to suit the audience, but God’s Word is God’s Word and God’s Word will bring forth His own work for His glory!

We read in **Mark 6** -

**18 For John had said to Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother’s wife.** Without going into all that story, Herodias, Herod’s wife, did not like this. She bore anger deep within her being and she was not willing to get over this. She was determined , we read in **verse 19**, to have John killed, but she was not in a position to do so, for it says . . . **but she could not.**

**20 For Herod feared John, knowing he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.**

**21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee.** Could you imagine it? They had the lot - everything money could buy; everything power could bring forth. They had it all! And here they were and it was his birthday, and oh, everybody must have made such a song of Herod and Herodias would have made a fuss of him, also.

But Herodias had this deep, deep, deep anger and hatred, because of the purity of John. She hated him! She just thought about him and her mind would go off conjuring up things she would like to say or do. Not only did she have this feeling, but she affected her daughter. Her daughter was being raised the same way.

**22 And when the daughter of said Herodias came in, and danced. . .** And that was no ordinary dance. That was a sensual dance, probably from a sensual mother, who had taught her daughter how to get everything she could from what her body could turn on in men. Therefore, as she dressed and she walked, she loved to somehow taunt the opposite sex. She abused the beauty of what a woman has in her body as God made a woman beautiful. . . . **and - as she danced - it pleased Herod and them that sat with him . . .** You could imagine: they had had their food, and now they were sitting back in their beautiful cushioned couches, and they were being entertained. Beware of those times when we think, “Oh, it is just time off now; let’s do something different!” Be very aware that every moment is under the covering of the Lord, because it is in these moments that all the terrible things seem to come into the heart and mind, and the seed of sin is sown so quickly.

**22 . . . the king said to the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.**

**23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.** Here he was, probably tipsy, shouting this forth. This daughter was under the control of this mother, through her sensual dancing.

**24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.**

Above half of the kingdom she could have had, but Herodias had to have this evil

intent fulfilled! Down in the dungeons of that great palace that was built on a rock, they went straightway, and they cut off the head of John the Baptist.

**26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake - for his reputation - you know, we think we have to do these things - and for their sakes who sat with him, he would not reject her.**

**28 And they brought his head . . .**

This head bothered Herod, for, as we read in earlier verses, his conscience bothered him. When he heard of the wonderful, powerful preaching of the Lord Jesus and the marvelous miracles He performed, he felt, 'Is this John the Baptist? Is this his ghost?'

There is no resurrection of John the Baptist. There is only One who has been raised from the dead, and His Name is Jesus, Who, three days after His death, rose triumphant. He is alive today and He is saying to you, "Be free from your sin, for I paid the price. Receive Me into your life and let Me control everything about you for your own sake and for My glory."

Send for that little book we are mentioning, *Your Quest for God. In Jesus Name.*

We love you. Bye-bye.