

# Questions for Gospel Harmony #62

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Matthew 14.1-12; Mark 6.14-29; Luke 9.7-9

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus, of all that was done by Him, for His name had become well known. And he said to his servants "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things? This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." So he sought to see Him.

Others said, "It is Elijah."

And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets."

But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. Because John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced before them and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?"

And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

So she, having been prompted by her mother, immediately came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. He commanded it to be given to her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb, and went and told Jesus.

1. Why did Herod think that Jesus was John the Baptist raised from the dead? [Matthew 14:1-2; Mark 6:14; Luke 9:7-9]
2. Why did others think He was Elijah or one of the prophets? [Mark 6:15-16]
3. Explain Herod's relationship to John. Did he want to kill him, and why? [Matthew 14:3-5; Mark 6:17-20]
4. Explain this series of events. Why was Herod sorrowful? [Matthew 14:6-9; Mark 6:21-26]
5. After John had died, why did his disciples go to tell Jesus? [Matthew 14:10-12; Mark 6:27-29]