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*A Sad Case Study*  
*Mark 6:14–29*  
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Introduction

- I. More opinions concerning Jesus. Mark 6:14–15
  
- II. John confronts Herod with his sin. Mark 6:17–18
  
- III. The king is intrigued by John’s message. Mark 6:19–21
  
- IV. Trapped by an oath and his fear of man. Mark 6:26
  
- V. The window of opportunity closes. Mark 6:27–28; Luke 23:8–11

Questions for reflection:

- *Why do you think Herod was both ‘perplexed’ by John the Baptist and at the same time, ‘heard him gladly’?*
- *What were the character flaws in Herod that resulted in his killing John when in fact he knew John to be a holy man unworthy of death?*
- *How might the fear of what others think effect how we live? What is the most effective way to combat the temptation to be a ‘man-pleaser’?*
- *Why do you think Jesus didn’t take one last opportunity to evangelize Herod when Jesus stood before him after His arrest?*
- *We can imagine the sorrow and confusion of John’s followers at his death. If you were asked, “Why would a good and loving God allow one of the greatest saints ever to die at the whim of an evil queen?” how would you answer?*