

~HERODIAS (196)
(He-ro'di-as)

- The wife of Herod Antipas, who, through her daughter Salome, requested and received the head of John the Baptizer in **32 C.E.**
- And the daughter of this very **Herodias** came in and danced and pleased Herod and those reclining with him. The king said to the maiden; Ask me for whatever you want, and I will give it to you. (**Mark 6:22**)
- Yes, he swore to her; Whatever you ask me for, I will give it to you, up to half my kingdom. (**Mark 6:23**)
- And she went out and said to her mother; What should I ask for? She said; The head of John the baptizer. (**Mark 6:24**)
- Immediately she went in with haste to the king and made her request, saying; I want you to give me right away on a platter the head of John the Baptist. (**Mark 6:25**)
- Although he became deeply grieved, yet the king did not want to disregard her, in view of the oaths and those reclining at the table. (**Mark 6:26**)
- So the king immediately dispatched a body guardsman and commanded him to bring his head. And he went off and beheaded him in the prison (**Mark 6:27**)
- And brought his head on a platter, and he gave it to the maiden, and the maiden gave it to her mother. (**Mark 6:28**)
- Her father Aristobulus, son of Herod the Great by his second wife Mariamne I, and her mother were first cousins. Her brother was Herod Agrippa I, who did away with the apostle James, the brother of John.
- About that particular time Herod the king applied his hands to mistreating some of those of the congregation. (**Acts of Apostles 12:1**)
- He did away with James the brother of John by the sword. (**Acts of Apostles 12:2**)

- **Herodias** first married her half uncle, her father's half brother, another son of Herod the Great, by his third wife, Mariamne II, that son commonly being called Herod Philip to distinguish him from Philip the district ruler of Ituraea and Trachonitis.
- In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was district ruler of Galilee, but Philip his brother was district ruler of the country of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was district ruler of Abilene. (Luke 3:1)
- This uncle-husband of **Herodias**, Herod Philip, fathered Salome, apparently her only child. However, **Herodias** divorced him and married his half brother Herod Antipas, also a son of her grandfather Herod the Great, by his fourth wife, Malthace. Herod Antipas, who was district ruler, literally, the tetrarch, at the time, and whom Jesus Christ called, that fox.
- In that very hour certain Pharisees came up, saying to him: Get out and be on your way from here, because Herod wants to kill you. (Luke 13:31)
- And he said to them; Go and tell that fox, Look! I am casting out demons and accomplishing healing today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be finished. (Luke 13:32)
- Also divorced his first wife, a daughter of the Nabataean king Aretas of Arabia, in order to marry **Herodias**.
- John the Baptizer, therefore, had reason to condemn this marriage of **Herodias** and Herod Antipas, it being both illegal and immoral under Jewish law, and for doing so he was thrown into prison and later beheaded.
- His fearless and righteous condemnation aroused the bitter hatred of Herodias, so she seized the first opportunity to have the prophet put to death.
- At that particular time Herod, the district ruler, heard the report about Jesus (Matthew 14:1)
- And said to his servants; This is John the Baptist. He was raised up from the dead, and this is why the powerful works are

operating in him. (**Matthew 14:2**)

- For Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him away in prison on account of **Herodias** the wife of Philip his brother. (**Matthew 14:3**)
- For John had been saying to him; It is not lawful for you to be having her. (**Matthew 14:4**)
- However, although he wanted to kill him, he feared the crowd, because they took him for a prophet. (**Matthew 14:5**)
- But when Herod's birthday was being celebrated the daughter of **Herodias** danced at it and pleased Herod so much (**Matthew 14:6**)
- That he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. (**Matthew 14:7**)
- Then she, under her mother's coaching, said; Give me here upon a platter the head of John the Baptist. (**Matthew 14:8**)
- Grieved though he was, the king out of regard for his oaths and for those reclining with him commanded it to be given. (**Matthew 14:9**)
- And he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. (**Matthew 14:10**)
- And his head was brought on a platter and given to the maiden, and she brought it to her mother. (**Matthew 14:11**)
- But when Herod heard it he began to say; The John that I beheaded, this one has been raised up. (**Mark 6:16**)
- For Herod himself had sent out and arrested John and bound him in prison on account of **Herodias** the wife of Philip his brother, because he had married her. (**Mark 6:17**)
- For John had repeatedly said to Herod; It is not lawful for you to be having the wife of your brother. (**Mark 6:18**)
- But **Herodias** was nursing a grudge against him and was wanting to kill him, but could not. (**Mark 6:19**)

- For Herod stood in fear of John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and he was keeping him safe. And after hearing him he was at a great loss what to do, yet he continued to hear him gladly. (**Mark 6:20**)
- But a convenient day came along when Herod spread an evening meal on his birthday for his top-ranking men and the military commanders and the foremost ones of Galilee. (**Mark 6:21**)
- And the daughter of this very **Herodias** came in and danced and pleased Herod and those reclining with him. The king said to the maiden; Ask me for whatever you want, and I will give it to you. (**Mark 6:22**)
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- But Herod the district ruler, for being reproved by him concerning **Herodias** the wife of his brother and concerning all the wicked deeds that Herod did. (**Luke 3:19**)
- Added also this to all those deeds. He locked John up in prison. (**Luke 3:20**)
- Herod said; John I beheaded. Who, then, is this about whom I

am hearing such things? So he was seeking to see him. (Luke 9:9)

- **Herodias** brother Herod Agrippa I returned from Rome in 38 C.E, having been appointed king of Judea. This greatly vexed Herodias, for her husband, although he was a king's son, remained only a district ruler.
- She therefore did not cease pressuring her husband until he too went to Rome in hopes of also being crowned a king with a kingdom. Flavius Josephus tells that Herodias brother Agrippa secretly sent letters to Emperor Caligula accusing Antipas of being in conspiracy with the Parthians.
- As a consequence, Antipas was sent in banishment to Gaul, he was accompanied by Herodias. [Jewish Antiquities, XVIII, 240-256, vii, 1,2], The Jewish War, II, 181-183, ix, 6]