

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST QUARTER: LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD.
(Continued.)

A. D. 27 or 28.] **LESSON I. JOHN THE BAPTIST BEHEADED.** [Jan. 6.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Matt. 10. 28.

Authorized Version.

Mark 6. 17-29. [*Commit to memory verses 26-28.*]

17 For Her'od himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for He-ro'di-as' sake, his brother Phil'ip's wife; for he had married her.

18 For John had said unto Her'od, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

19 Therefore He-ro'di-as had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:

20 For Her'od feared John, knowing that he was a just man and a 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 Her'od on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Gal'i-lee;

22 And when the daughter of the said He-ro'-di-as came in, and danced, and pleased Her'od and them that sat with him, the king said unto 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.

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

25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

Revised Version.

17 For Her'od himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for the sake of He-ro'di-as, his brother Phil'ip's wife: for he had married her. For John said unto Her'od, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. And He-ro'di-as set herself against him, and desired to kill him; and she could not; for Her'od feared John, knowing that he was a righteous man and a holy, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was much perplexed; and he heard him gladly. And when a convenient day was come, that Her'od on his birthday made a supper to his lords, and the high captains, and the chief men of Gal'i-lee; and when the daughter of He-ro'di-as herself came in and danced, she pleased Her'od and them that sat at meat with him; and the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went out, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist, 25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou forthwith give me in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them that sat at meat, he would not reject her. And straightway the king sent forth a soldier of his guard, and commanded to bring his head: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard thereof, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

TIME.—A. D. 27 or 28. **PLACES.**—Herod's palace was in Tiberias; John was imprisoned in the castle of Machærus, east of the Dead Sea. **RULERS.**—Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee and Perea; Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea. **PARALLEL PASSAGE.**—Matt. 14. 1-13. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Human depravity.

HOME READINGS.

M. John the Baptist beheaded. Mark 6. 14-29.
Tu. The witness of John. John 1. 19-27.
W. John's teaching. Luke 3. 7-14.
Th. Christ's testimony. Matt. 11. 7-15.
F. Fear and fearlessness. Luke 12. 1-12.
S. Martyrs for God. Heb. 11. 32-40.
S. The crown of life. Rev. 2. 8-11.