

Lesson XI.

DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 10, 1900

Mark 6 : 14-29—Memory Verses, 21-24

Golden Text—Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess ; but be filled with the Spirit.—Eph. 5 : 18.



14 And king Her'od heard of him ; (for his name was spread abroad :) and he said, That John the Bapt'ist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

15 Others said, That it is Eli'as. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

16 But when Her'od heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded : he is risen from the dead.

17 For Her'od himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Hero'dias' sake, his brother Philip'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 Hero'dias 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 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 Her'od on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Gal'ilee ;

22 And when the daughter of the said Hero'dias 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.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When King Herod heard of Jesus' mighty works, he was afraid. He said "I know who He is. He is John the Baptist, whom I wickedly shut up in prison and murdered. He is risen from the dead." Herod had a guilty conscience because he