

The Sabbath School Lessons.

Jan. 4.—Matt. 14: 1-12. Memory vs. 10-12.

Herod and John the Baptist.

GOLDEN TEXT.—MATT. 14: 12. CATECHISM, Q. 54.

Introductory.

How many Herods are mentioned in the New Testament?

What do you know of Herod the tetrarch?

What is the title of this lesson?

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Recite the memory verses. The Catechism.

I. A Troubled Conscience. vs. 1, 2.

What did Herod hear?

What did he say?

Why did his conscience trouble him?

Why is conscience a trouble to the wicked?

How may we be free from such trouble?

How should we try to live? Acts 23: 1; 24: 16; 2 Cor. 1: 12.

II. A Faithful Preacher. vs. 3-5.

For what sins had John reproved Herod?

Who was Herodias?

How did John suffer for his faithfulness?

What prevented Herod from killing him at once?

III. A Bloody Birthday. vs. 6-12.

What occurred on Herod's birthday?

Who attended this feast? Mark 6: 21.

What promise did Herod make?

What did the girl ask?

By whose advice?

How did the request affect the king?

What ought he to have done?

What awful crime did he commit?

How did John's disciples show their love for their master?

What did they then do?

What Have I Learned?

1. That an accusing conscience causes trouble to the guilty.

2. That Christ's ministers should be fearless and faithful in reproving sin.

3. That we should carefully avoid making rash and foolish promises.

4. That a promise to do wrong, if rashly made, ought always to be broken.

5. That it is better to die in a dungeon for the right than to live in a palace in wickedness and crime.

Jan. 8.—Matt. 14: 13-21. Memory vs. 19-21.

The Multitude Fed.

GOLDEN TEXT.—JOHN 6: 35. CATECHISM, Q. 55.

Introductory.

Upon what mission had Jesus sent his apostles?

When did they return to him?

What report did they bring?

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Recite the memory verses. The Catechism.

I. The Compassion of Jesus. vs. 13-16.

What did Jesus do when he heard of John's death?

Why did he so retire?

Where was this *desert place*?

What did the people do?

How did Jesus feel when he saw the multitude?

What did he do for them? (See Mark 6: 24.)

Why did the disciples ask Jesus to send them away?

What did Jesus reply?

What did he mean by this? (See John 6: 6.)

II. The Power of Jesus. vs. 17-21.

What supply of food had the disciples?

What did Jesus command?

What did he do before beginning the meal?

How should we partake of food?

By whose hands did Jesus give the food to the people?

How much was left?

How many were fed?

What does this miracle prove about Jesus?