



# “The Death of John the Baptist”

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Matthew 14:1-12

John the Baptist led Israel to \_\_\_\_\_ through water baptism in Jordan river, thus preparing the nation for the arrival of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Matthew 3:1-3 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

I. Herod \_\_\_\_\_ John. (v. 1-2)

The Four “Herods” of in the Bible:

Herod the **Great** (Matthew 2) ruled 37 BC – 4 BC during \_\_\_\_\_.

Herod the **Tetrarch** (Matthew 14) ruled 4 BC – AD 39 during \_\_\_\_\_.

Herod **Agrippa I** (Acts 12) ruled AD 41 – 44 during the formation of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Herod **Agrippa II** (Acts 25) ruled from AD 48 – 93? during \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Herod \_\_\_\_\_ John. (v. 3-5)

III. Herod \_\_\_\_\_ John. (v. 6-12)

Big Idea:

God used John to \_\_\_\_\_ for the arrival of the Messiah, and to \_\_\_\_\_ that the Messiah was in fact \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth.

Elijah and John the Baptist:

1. They both preached \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Kings 21:17-19)
2. They both \_\_\_\_\_ the same. (2 Kings 1:8)
3. They both preached in the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Kings 17:3)
4. They both were pursued by a king and \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Kings 19:1-2)
5. They both preceded a period of the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Chronicles 5:26)

### Colossians 2:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

### 1 Peter 3:21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,