

WHAT DOES DEADLY UNBELIEF LOOK LIKE? PT 2

**Lessons from unbelieving fearful coward's reaction
to a courageous servant sharing His Word
Matthew 14:1-13a**

I. HEROD'S REACTION TO THE NEWS ABOUT JESUS: He is perplexed, morbidly interested, yet fears John the Baptist has risen from the dead (1-2)

A. Some background

1. Who was Herod the tetrarch?
2. Who was John the Baptist?

B. Herod's interest in Jesus revives his guilt concerning John the Baptist (1-2)

II. A PICTURE OF UNBELIEF: A flashback which reveals Herod is an unrepentant fearful, wicked coward who killed John the Baptist (3-11)

A. Unrepentant Herod has courageous John arrested because his sin was exposed (3-4)

B. For fear of the multitude and John, Herod keeps John alive (5)

C. For fear of his guests Herod keeps a wicked oath and kills John the Baptist after a wicked party (6-11)

1. A wicked party (6-7)
2. A wicked request because sin was exposed (8)
3. A wicked oath fulfilled because of fear (9-11)

III. JESUS' REACTION TO HEROD'S MURDEROUS WICKEDNESS: A Withdrawal (12-13a)