

Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Slaying of John the Baptist," Mark 6:14-29 (Gospel Parallels -Matt. 14:1-12; Luke 9:7-9)



Basic Ideas from Mark 6:14-29.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know that suffering is a part of God's kingdom work.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose the path of suffering rather than that of moral compromise and conscience defilement.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in the purpose of God rather than the pleasure of men.



Basic Questions from Mark 6:14-29.

1. According to verse 14, does it appear our Lord was popular and well known?
2. Who was Jesus associated with?
3. Who is being referenced in verse 15, Jesus or John?
4. What does verse 16 tell us about Herod?
5. What problem did John point out concerning Herod?
6. How strong was Herodias' grudge against John?
7. Why was Herod afraid of John?
8. What does verse 20 tell us about Herod?
9. What does verse 21 suggest about the plotting of Herodias?
10. What does verse 24 tell us about Herodias' daughter's intent in her dancing?
11. What do you think Herodias' reaction was in receiving John's head?
12. Notice the honor paid John by his disciples. What does this tell you about John? What does this tell you about his disciples?
13. Why is this story in Mark's narrative?
14. What relationship does it have to the sending of the twelve?
15. What is the BIG IDEA behind this story?
16. What application can we make from this text?



The **Basic Application** from Mark 6:14-29.

1. For what have you suffered?
2. Do you see how the purpose of God in the redemption of mankind includes hardship and difficulty?
3. Let us pray for continued resolve in our pursuit of God's redemptive purpose for the world.
4. What does this story cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?