

The Pass-the-Plate Devos



"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of July 12th"



Bible Focus: **Mark 6:14-29**

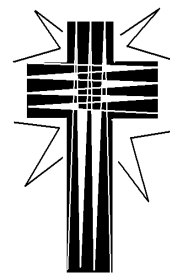
¹⁴King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." ¹⁶But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" ¹⁷For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. ²⁵At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**



If your day were to be summed up in a newspaper article headline, what would it say?

1. Why did King Herod behead John the Baptist?
2. How did King Herod behead John the Baptist?
3. What did King Herod do with John the Baptist's head?
4. Where did John the Baptist's disciples lay his body?
5. If the Bible passage you just read was a newspaper article, what would the headline say?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

Have everyone read through today's newspaper for a headline that catches the eye. Then cut out the article, read it and sum it up for everyone at the table. Think of one thing in each article that you all can pray for. Include these prayer requests in a prayer at the end of your meal.