

The Everlasting GOSPEL

10820 I use the KJV Bible and Greek Word definitions. I don't leave out anything JESUS Teaches. I may use extra Capitals to highlight Words, don't let that bother you, just enjoy learning.

Of JESUS CHRIST, Conceived By The HOLY SPIRIT

The death of John the Baptist

MATTHEW 14:1-2 "At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of JESUS, and said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. (History tells us JESUS was born around early April 1, 5 BC. While Rome ruled through their client king Herod (the great): herodes, hay-ro'-dace = the name of 4 kings, or rulers, in the same family. Herod the Great died when JESUS was secure in Egypt, about 23 1/2 months old. (March 13, 4 BC). Herod the Great, who ordered the death of all baby boys under the age of 2, in Bethlehem, died shortly after, in around 13 March 4 BC. This Herod had left 1 Sister, and 3 of his Sons to rule. So Rome gave the rule to them: Salome 1, Archelaus, Philip, and Antipas: The Tetrarch: client ruler of a fourth part of the country. Herod Antipas was given rule over Galilee and Peraea.

MARK 6:14-16 "And when king Herod heard of Him; (for His Name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it is a Prophet, as one of the prophets. But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. (Spread abroad: phaneros, fan-er-os' = Shining, Apparent Publicity Manifested. John the Baptist probably told Herod about the ... Resurrection of the dead. Elias: Elijah the Prophet).

LUKE 9:7-9 "Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead; and of some, that Elias had appeared; and others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is This, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see Him. (Elijah and Moses would later Appear to JESUS and 3 Disciples on the Mount of Transfigura-

tion on Mt Tabor (Matthew 17:1-13).

MARK 6:17-29 "For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. (And Laid Hold: krato, krat-eh'-o = to use strength to Seize and Retain. This is the Political Outcome Of Herod Not dealing with his Own Sin of Adultery, with taking his Brother's Wife. Putting John in Prison would silence his voice, he hopes, from the people. And help Cover-Up Herod's Sin. Herodias: Wife of Philip & illegitimate wife of Herod Antipas, who hated John the Baptist Voice. Herod Philip, his half-brother, ruled the North and East Quarter for Rome).

Mark 6:18 "For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. (Wife: gyne, goo-nay' = already covenanted, or joined (to Philip).

6:19 "Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: (have killed: apokteino, ap-ok-ti'-no = to kill outright. Hatred and Murder was already in her heart. But it could only Legally happen by Order of Herod Antipas, the ruler, who once had a Wife named Phasaelis. How many Murders are Committed 'Legally' by man's Courts, today?

6:20 "For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a Just man and Holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. (Feared: phobeo, fob-eh'-o = be in Awe, Reverence, Afraid. Knowing: Herod knew the man John was Just: dikaios, dik'-ah-yos = Innocent, Equitable both in Character and Actions, Righteous. Holy: hagios, hag'-ee-os = Saintly, Physically and Morally Pure. Herod Observed: syntereo, soon-tay-reh'-o = to keep closely together, remember, preserve (from Herodias). But, Oh, how the Corrupt hate the Morally Pure. I think John tried to talk sense into Herod, and Herod may have listened, except for the influence of Herodias, his illegitimate wife, and her daughter, over his weaknesses. She and her daughter would scheme a way.

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6:21 “And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; (Convenient: eukairos, yoo’-kahee-ros = well timed, opportune, in time of need. A birthday supper: feast, chief meal of the day. lords: megistan = great men, grandees. high captains: chiliarchos = probably military captains. And chief estates of Galilee: Galilaia = the heathen circle.

6:22 “And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.

6:23 “And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. (sware: declare an oath).

6:24 “And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. (Herodias was finally able to get Revenge).

6:25 “And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. (politics can be a very twisted murderous business).

6:26 “And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath’s sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. (pride rules in politics).

6:27 “And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, (executioner: spekoulator, spek-oo-lat’-ore = Guard. (The devil is stupid enough to believe that if he decapitates a Righteous man, he separates him from his Holy GOD).

6:28 “And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. (John was liberated from the prison dungeon).

6:29 “And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb. (corpse: ptoma, pto’-mah = dead body. It wasn’t John anymore, so they laid it in a tomb. John had probably taught them well about the Truth, ‘Absent from the body, Present with the Lord (as Paul did in 2nd Cor 5:8 “We are Confident, I say, and willing

rather to be absent from the body, and be Present with the Lord).

NEXT WE WILL GO BACK TO MATTHEW TO READ:

MATT 14:3-12 “For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias’ sake, his brother Philip’s Wife. (Prison: phylake, foolak-ay’ in the Fortress Palace of Machaerus, called The Black Fortress, where John was imprisoned for 10 months before his beheading. Herod Antipas, (Son of Herod the Great and his wife Malthace, as was Archealus, his brother), but was a half-brother to Herod Philip, born of another mother).

14:4-5 “For John said unto him, it is not lawful for thee to have her. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a Prophet. (Multitude: ochlos = throng of people).

14:6-7 “But when Herod’s birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with as oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. (daughter of Herodias was named Salome).

14:8-9 “And she, being instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist’s head in a charger. And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath’s sake, and them which sat at meat with him, he commanded it to be given her.

14:10-11 “And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. (A year or so later, **JESUS** would be arrested in Judea (Jerusalem), but Pontius Pilate would send **JESUS** to Herod Antipas, ruler of the region of Galilee where **JESUS** had Lived. Herod Antipas asked **JESUS** for a Sign, and **JESUS** did not respond to Herod, so he sent **JESUS** back to Pilate).

14:12 “And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told **JESUS**.

14:13 “And when **JESUS** heard of it, He departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: (**JESUS** went away to grieve for His Cousin John the Baptist).

Evil Rulers think they get away with the killing of the Righteous, but Herod Antipas and Wicked wife Herodias’ Own Political lives were destroyed. In Roman Politics by 39 AD. About 10 years after murdering John the Baptist. (Matthew 7:12 “**Therefore, whatever you want men to do for you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.**” —**JESUS**).