

Lesson 15 February 19, 2025

Who IS That Woman?

Women in the Bible who got it right and those who didn't

Herodias

Luke 3:1-20, Mark 6:17-29

1. John the Baptist lived an _____ in the **desert** as he conducted the ministry God had planned for him - not as a priest but as the _____.
2. John preached a bold message in the "spirit and power of Elijah" (Luke 1:17; Malachi 4: 5-6), baptizing people in the **Jordan River** who had _____ for their sins (Luke 3:3-14).
3. Many people wondered if John might be the _____, but John quickly set the record straight (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:15-18). However, Jesus gave John the ultimate affirmation when He asked John to _____ Him and when He said, "Of all the people who have ever lived, _____ than John the Baptist" (Matthew 3:13; 11:11).
4. John's message _____ the powerful religious and political leaders, and the animosity reached a tipping point when John _____ publicly for marrying his brother's wife, _____ (Leviticus 18:16; 20-21). She was infuriated and wanted Herod to _____ John the Baptist. However, "Herod _____, knowing he was a righteous and holy man," and "*the people considered him a prophet*" (Mark 6:17-20 and Matthew 14:5).
5. Herodias held a grudge until the opportune time came for her to seek _____. It happened when Herod Antipas threw himself a _____ and invited all his officials, military leaders, and leaders of Galilee - an _____ guest list. (Mark 6:21).

6. When the party got well underway and the guests were highly intoxicated, Herodias sent, _____, into the room to provide _____. Her dance was not a ballet, but a sleazy, erotic, provocative performance designed with one purpose - to satisfy the lust of raucous drunken revelers (Mark 6:22)
7. Proud, driven by lust and impaired judgment, and motivated by the desire to impress his guests, Herod rashly vowed to give Salome _____ - up to half his kingdom. Obviously, Herodias had not coached Salome on how to reply to such an offer, so Salome left the party to _____ (vv. 22-23).
8. Upon her return, Salome cruelly demanded that Herod give her _____ on a platter - immediately (vv. 24-25).
9. Herod, even in his inebriated state, knew that what he was about to do was _____, but to save face in front of his guests, he ordered the executioner to go to the prison, _____, and bring back his head on a platter. The executioner followed orders, returned with John's head, and presented it to Salome who gave it to _____ (vv. 26-28).
10. When John's beloved disciples heard about his horrifying death, they came and got his body to give him a respectable and honorable burial (v. 29).

What can I learn from Herodias?



When confronted with sin in my life, it is in my best interest to _____
_____.



Holding grudges and seeking revenge are powerful driving forces. Although they are _____ in my mind, they _____ in the end.



There is a better alternative - _____. It pleases God and offers peace. Extending forgiveness to someone who has hurt or offended me does not make what that person did okay; _____.

"But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too." Mark 11:25

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Song: _____ By: _____

Review: Luke 3 & Mark 6 and look for additional lessons you may learn from Herodias

Homework: Mary and Martha - Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-3, 17-45