

*Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from January 15, 2017  
The Death of John the Baptist  
Mark 6:14-29**

**Observing the text**

How did King Herod explain the popularity of Jesus?

What was the history of John the Baptist and Herod?

Why did Herod fear John the Baptist?

What prompted Herod to execute John the Baptist?

Why do you think Mark places this account here in his gospel record?

**Applying the sermon**

What does this story teach us about the nature of sin?

How can we expect the world to respond to us as we live for Christ?

How can we be challenged by the ministry of John the Baptist?

What can Christians learn from the death of John the Baptist?

How does God use suffering and persecution for His purposes?