An Ignoble End

Matthew 14:1-12 (series #82)

Introduction: this life doesn't settle all accounts

- I. The Concern of Herod Antipas vv. 1-2
 - A. This was one of Herod the Great's sons
 - B. He was tetrarch of Galilee and Perea
 - C. He thought Jesus was John resurrected Matthew 11:7-15
- II. The Reason for John's Arrest vv. 3-5
 - A. Herod had seduced Herodias from Philip
 - B. John opposed the sinful union
 - C. Herod wanted to kill John
- III. The Scheme of Herodias vv. 6-8
 - A. Salome was from Herodias' first marriage
 - B. She lured Herod into an oath
 - C. Herodias told her to ask for John's head
- IV. The Death of God's Faithful Servant vv. 9-12
 - A. The king gave the order
 - B. John was beheaded
 - C. His disciples buried his body

Conclusion: the awfulness of dying unprepared