

9. What were five distinctions of John's ministry that made him very unique:

- a. He carried out his ministry way out in the _____.
- b. His message was a fiery message of _____.
- c. His dress was strange: clothed in _____ hair and a leather belt around his waist.
- d. His diet consisted of _____ and wild honey.
- e. He _____ people in water.

10. What phrase described a person who was uncertain and vacillating and shifting and wavering in his convictions?

11. Was John the Baptizer described by that phrase?

12. It is not the world's estimation or appraisal of us that matters. It is what?

13. Was John a prophet?

14. John was more than a prophet. He was the what?

15. John was to clear the path of obstacles so what could happen?

16. Who was greatest: Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, Job, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, or John?

17. John the Baptizer initiated the events that would do what?

18. John was the prophet who fulfilled what Old Testament passage?

19. What phrase did Jesus use to call attention to something that was and is very important?

20. Who was the king over all regions of Israel when Jesus was born?

21. Herodias first married whom?

22. Who talked Herodias out of her first marriage and into a second marriage?

23. How did John the Baptizer respond to the immoral, sinful mess?

24. What was the only reason for why Herod didn't kill John for rebuking his immorality?

25. Herod was so enamored with Salome's dance that he made what?

26. To use the statement of exaggeration that Herod made was to make the point that the person could do what?

27. Whether you believe in the sovereignty and goodness of God or not, this event in John's life makes a person what?

28. Herodias didn't merely want John dead. She wanted what?

29. Death has a way of doing what with the wrongs in this world?

30. Once John finished his task, our sovereign and perplexing God allowed his final months to be spent where?

31. From what standpoint did John's life end prematurely?

32. God's grace and mercy allowed Herod, Herodias, and Salome to live on and to give them time to do what?

33. Is there any evidence from history that any of these three individuals repented of their sin and surrendered to Christ?

34. Once you enter eternity apart from God what is something that can't happen with your regrets?

35. How about you: Have you repented of your sin and surrendered your life to the Lord Jesus Christ?

36. Christian, are you living your life in such a way that you would be considered faithful like John the Baptizer was faithful?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read Matthew 1:1-14:21 this week**
- 2) What is the only miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all four gospels?**
- 3) What was the purpose of this miracle and what lessons did Jesus want the disciples and the people to learn from it?**

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AN IGNOBLE END

Matthew 14:1-12

(Series #82)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**An Ignoble End.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What are the names of the father and mother described in the story that Pastor Bryan begins with?
2. What faithful servant of the Lord was arrested as a common criminal, thrown into prison, and eventually beheaded?
3. The ignoble end to John the Baptizer's life is a powerful reminder that the Lord doesn't often do what in this life?
4. According to Jesus, who was one of the greatest men to ever live?
5. The Herod mentioned in verse 1 is whom?
6. This Herod in verse 1 is the one who did what in relation to Jesus?
7. All of Herod the Great's sons had one main goal in life and that was to do what?
8. Herod assumed that John the Baptist had done what?

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