{At that timeMT}**14**King Herod {the tetrarchMT,LK} heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. {He was perplexed becauseLK} Some said {he said to his attendantsMT}, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.”

**15**But others said, “He is Elijah.”

And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.”

**16**But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” {And he tried to see him.LK}

**17**For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. **18**For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.” {Herod had been reproved for all the evil things he had doneLK} **19**And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, **20**for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

**Matthew 14:5**Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered him a prophet.

**21**But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. **22**For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests.

And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” **23**And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.”

**24**And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?”

And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.”

**25**And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

**26**And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. **27**And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison **28**and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. **29**When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. {Then they went and told Jesus.MT}