

Mark 6:14-29 Beheading of John The Baptist

The story of how and why King Herod had John The Baptist beheaded during a drunken birthday party following a request by his dancing step-daughter to give her John's head on a platter. John was in prison because Herod heard that John accused him of immoral living with Herodias, his brother's wife. King Herod sent an executioner to the prison where John was being held with orders to return with his head on a platter. John's disciples later came for John's body and laid it in a tomb.

A Hearing: King Herod heard about it (6:14)

B Beheaded: It is John whom I beheaded (6:16)

C Hostility: Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him (6:19)

D Capitulation: Ask of me whatever you wish, and I will grant it to you. (6:22)

C' Hostility: She replied, "The head of John the Baptist." (6:24)

B' Beheaded: He went off and beheaded him in the prison. (6:27)

A' Hearing: his disciples heard about it (6:29)