

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT HERODIAS AND DAUGHTER

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 10

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of the **Sinful Woman** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Mark 6:14-20

2. What were the two titles of Herod's position of leadership?

V14 _____

Matthew 14:1 (use a dictionary for help) _____

3. In **V14-16**, what were the people and Herod saying about Jesus and why? (See also **Matthew 14:2**.)

4. Initially, what did Herod do to John the Baptist in **V17a**?

5. In **V17b** who is Herodias?

6. What had John the Baptist been preaching to Herod in **V18**?

7. a) What character traits are unfolding in Herod?

V19-20 _____

Matthew 14:3-5 _____

Luke 3:19-20 _____

- b) According to **V19**, how did Herodias react to John the Baptist's condemnation of her marriage?

- c) How do most people react when confronted with their sinful behavior?

8. It was said of Herodias that she "nursed a grudge." Where are you prone to nurse a grudge?

SECTION II: Read Mark 6:19-29

9. According to **V19-20**, what was Herodias' intention toward John, and what hindered her plan?

10. Recount how the story continued in **V21-23**.

11. a) After seeking her mother's advice in **V24**, for what does the daughter ask? (See also **Matthew 14:6-8**.)

b) What thoughts come to mind as you ponder this mother-daughter relationship?

12. What are some circumstances in which parents use their children to promote their own agendas?

13. What did the daughter ask for, and what do you notice about the way she asked for it? (**V25**)

14. Why do you think these women were in such a hurry to have Herod make good on his promise?

15. What was the king's reaction:

a) in **V26**?

b) in **V27**?

16. a) Reading the rest of this horrific story in **V28**, what indelible imprint would remain on this "girl" for the rest of her life as a result of heeding her mother's advice? (See also **Matthew 14:11**.)

b) How do you know when to seek or take a parent's advice?

17. Herodias clearly personifies the “bad and the ugly.” What warning will you take to heart regarding:

- a) an unwillingness to acknowledge and turn from sin?
- b) the influence of a wife
- c) the influence of a mother

18. Write a prayer asking God to keep your heart soft toward His convictions.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Herodias’ parenting had a negative, even tragic, influence on her daughter. What encouragement do the following verses give about the positive influence of a parent?

Proverbs 22:6 _____

Proverbs 31:1 _____

Proverbs 31:28 _____

2 Timothy 1:5 _____

2. Scripture also records examples of children who were not defined nor bound by a poor parental influence. How do you see this exemplified in the story of Ahaz and his son, Hezekiah, in **2 Kings 16:1-4** and **18:1-6**?

3. Track the “good, the bad, and the ugly” through the five generations of the kingly line of Judah:

a) Asa (**2 Chronicles 14:2-6**) _____

Jehoshaphat (**2 Chronicles 17:3-6**) _____

Jehoram (**2 Chronicles 21:1, 4-6**) _____

(Note below: Ahaziah and Jehosheba are brother and sister)

Ahaziah (**2 Chronicles 22:1-4**) _____

Jehosheba (**2 Chronicles 22:10-12**) _____

Joash (**2 Chronicles 24:1-2**) _____

b) What encouragement or warning did you receive as you tracked this family line?

4. Suggested Memory Verse: **Proverbs 22:6**

