

Mark 6:24-25

So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" Immediately she came in 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."

I have read this account many times of how John the Baptist was killed in the bible, and I have always seen the same thing. Do you see it?

***The head of John the Baptist
The head of John the Baptist on a platter.***

Now do you see it?

Let's go back a few verses to see what was going on.

† **Mark 6:22-23** ***And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."***

Which leads up to today's devotional verses. So Herodias' daughter asks her mom what she should ask for and her mom's response is. ***The head of John the Baptist*** But Herodias' daughter was probably thinking, "What's in it for me?" so she, being as conniving as her mom was, asks for what her mom wanted ***The head of John the Baptist*** but also for herself she asked for ***a platter***.

It's very possible that this was not just any platter that you would put your Thanksgiving turkey on, but was a silver or even gold platter, which meant some extra cash for Herodias' daughter. After all she earned it, so she was probably thinking. But the reality is that she schemed for it. But that's what sin does, it wants more and more

† **Proverbs 30:15-16** ***The leech has two daughters-- Give and Give! There are three things that are never satisfied, Four never say, "Enough!": The grave, The barren womb, The earth that is not satisfied with water-- And the fire never says, "Enough!"***

When you fall into sin, it's like all you want is more and more, or like the leech's two daughters, give me, give me. Sin is never satisfied, it always want's more because it leaves you empty. But when you turn from your sins, you no longer want more of it, because your satisfaction is in Jesus Christ.

† **Hebrews 13:5** ***Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."***