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## Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: [abfboone.com/sermons](http://abfboone.com/sermons)
- Find Life Group resources: [abfboone.org/groups/resources](http://abfboone.org/groups/resources)

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## Luke 3:18-20

[18] So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. [19] But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, [20] added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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## Sermon Outline:

- I. John the Baptist
- II. Herod Antipas
- III. Herodias
- IV. Salome

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## Life Group Leader Notes:





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- What were your main takeaways from this week's sermon on the imprisonment & death of John the Baptist?
  
  - Why was it important for John to *suffer* as a forerunner to the life and ministry of Jesus?
  
  - List a few ways that John could have extended his life by shrinking back in fear. (For instance, he could have offered a quick apology, retracted his words, never said anything in the first place...). Would you have employed any of these strategies?
  
  - Herod's leadership was characterized by fear and paranoia. He used power and intimidation to get his way. Do you see these same tendencies in the powerful institutions of our world today? Are they effective in the short term? Are they effective in the long term? What ultimately happens to paranoid leaders? (See Proverbs 10:24).
  
  - If a law were suddenly passed that made it illegal to speak against anyone's sexual preference, what would you do?
  
  - Pastor Scott described God's family album throughout church history, filled with pictures of faithful martyrs. Nobody made it into this album by accident. It was their convictions, values, and lifestyle that led to martyrdom. You may or may not encounter a paranoid leader like Herod, but are your convictions, values, and lifestyle consistent with a martyr?
  
  - How can your life group pray for the persecuted church this week? Check out resources like Voice of the Martyrs, or Open Door ministries for resources to help.

