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Center Point Baptist Church
“Suffering Servant”
Mark 6:14-29
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- I. Response to the people sent before Jesus was varied.
 1. After the apostles when out crowds flocked to Jesus.
 2. Great miracles and preaching and the news spread.
 3. Fear griped Herod for he believed that John the Baptist had risen.

- II. John the Baptist had fearlessly preached and served God.
 1. John had rebuked many even many of influence and power
 2. He rebuked Herod the King
 3. Herod respected John and knew he was a man of God and a man of miracles
 4. Herod imprisoned John hoping to silence him and stop his preaching
 - a. You will find many today will strike out at you when you take a stand
 - b. Some will shun you
 - c. Some will ridicule
 - d. Some will move against you with force or forces
 - e. They cannot strike out at God but they will towards you

- III. Herod is feeling good that John is in prison and cannot publicly denounce him.
 1. Herod has a big party on his birthday
 2. All his friends are there
 3. Drunken revelry is in full swing
 4. The daughter of Herodious Herod’s brother’s wife whom he has taken dances
 5. Herod in his drunken state makes a rash promise which he has to keep
 6. With regret he gives her John the Baptist’s head on a platter

- IV. Such a tragedy that such a servant of God should have his life taken so quickly

1. Yet Jesus said, “of those born of women there is none greater than John the Baptist”
 2. Yet John is just one of many who have died serving God in by gone years
 3. Many even in our day and time die serving God
 4. Even the apostles were shocked by this and went to Jesus
- V. We don't understand the hardships and sufferings of life when serving God.
1. Jesus said, “Blessed are you when you are persecuted for righteousness sake for Great is Your reward in heaven.”
 2. Many times in history we have seen that adversity brings the greatest advancement of the kingdom
 3. Paul said in Romans 12:1 “Present your bodies a living sacrifice unto God which is your reasonable service”
 4. How much better to give a living sacrifice that keeps on giving to the glory of God?