

# STUDIES FROM THE DESIRE OF AGES

## Chapter XXII - *“Imprisonment and Death of John”*

- A. Read [Mark 6:17-28](#). What does Ellen White add to our understanding of this passage that is not explicitly stated in the biblical text?
- B. What made John the Baptist wonder whether Jesus was truly the Messiah? (Also see 4 below.)
- C. John never performed a miracle or called down fire from heaven as did the Prophet Elijah. Why, then, did Jesus consider John to be a greater prophet than the others?
- D. In the context of John the Baptist’s story, can you explain why bad things happen to good people?

### Additional Thoughts

- 1. Why did Herod arrest John if he was afraid of him? (Page 214)
- 2. Why was prison so hard on John? (Pages 214-215)
- 3. What kind of reformation did John expect? (Page 216)
- 4. John had doubts.... What were those doubts? Is it wrong to question God? (Page 216)
- 5. Why didn’t Jesus answer John’s question with a “Yes?” (Page 217)
- 6. Jesus mildly rebuked John. John did not take offense, why and would you have taken offense? (Page 218)
- 7. How did Jesus describe John? (Page 220)
- 8. How was John’s execution finally arranged? (Page 221)
- 9. ***“And many things that Herod had heard from lips of the prophet now spoke to his conscience more distinctly than had the preaching in the wilderness.”*** Was it too late for Herod? (Page 223)
- 10. ***“God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him.”*** Would this be a good quote to memorize and why? (Page 224-225)
- 11. Personal views: List a favorite section or new some new thought from this reading.