¹⁴ Herod Antipas, the king, soon heard about Jesus, because everyone was talking about him. Some were saying, "This must be John the Baptist raised from the dead. That is why he can do such miracles." ¹⁵ Others said, "He's the prophet Elijah." Still others said, "He's a prophet like the other great prophets of the past."

¹⁶ When Herod heard about Jesus, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has come back from the dead."

¹⁷ For Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip's wife, but Herod had married her. ¹⁸ John had been telling Herod, "It is against God's law for you to marry your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias bore a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But without Herod's approval she was powerless, ²⁰ for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him.
²¹ Herodias's chance finally came on Herod's birthday. He gave

a party for his high government officials, army officers, and the leading citizens of Galilee. ²² Then his daughter, also named Herodias, came in and performed a dance that greatly pleased Herod and his guests. "Ask me for anything you like," the king said to the girl, "and I will give it to you." ²³ He even vowed, "I will give you whatever you ask, up to half my kingdom!"

²⁴ She went out and asked her mother, "What should I ask for?" Her mother told her, "Ask for the head of John the Baptist!"
²⁵ So the girl hurried back to the king and told him, "I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!"

²⁶ Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn't refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John's head and bring it to him. The soldier beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother. ²⁹ When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came to get his body and buried it in a tomb.

St. Mark 6:14-29 The Message translation



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Sunday 14th July 2024 10:30 am

The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News
of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: "Majesty" SB #46

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: "To God be the glory" SB #84

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Mark 6:14-29 NLT

Message: "Shake it off!"

Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: "Praise God from Whom" BP #603

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: "Will you come & follow Me?" SB #68

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: "In my life Lord" vs 1, 3 SB #60

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS TEAM: PRAYER REQUESTS

Warnock Aitken - St. Joseph's Life-Care Centre, Brantford

Frank De Vries - at home

Pearl Howden - Trinity Village LTC

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie - Sunnyside Home

Mary Master - Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack - Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg McCorriston – at home

Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan - AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg - Highland Place Retirement Residence

Dirk Vanderhide – at home

Glen Verheye - at home

From "The Church in Canada Today & KEPC" Questions for our pondering and discussions:

- 1) What are the ministry opportunities you are aware of in our wider community that merit our prayerful consideration?
- 2) What is a bold risk KEPC can take?
- 3) What is God calling KEPC to do?

From the Mission & Outreach Team:

Thank you for your generous support for The KW Pregnancy Centre.

VBS 2024: Thank-you to the 31 volunteers who so wonderfully shared your time and love for the Lord with the 45 children/campers we had here last week!! It was a wonderful week together!!! Praise the Lord for His

amazing faithfulness and unfailing love!!!!!!!

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E transfer**: This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance**. This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu "Donate Now") and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2024 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Having a surplus for the month of May, has reduced our YTD expense shortfall to roughly \$10,000 to the end of May. As we are approaching the summer months, the Finance team asks for your consideration and prayers to help us meet the proposed budget targets. Thank you, the Finance & Stewardship Team.

KEPC Photo Directory:

How many of you forget a person's name shortly after you have met them? Do you sit near people in worship and wonder about their names, and who they are? Wouldn't it be great if we all had a new congregational pictorial directory (the last one was in 2004) !!!

Young and old; Singles, couples, and families. Families with kids at home now, and families with kids that are grown up, and families with extended family members! Whether you are here every week, or once in a while.

Sign up for our church portrait days, and every household that participates receives a free congregational photo directory!

IPC Photo Days here, in 15 minute bookings:

Tuesday 06th August 2:30 – 8:30 pm Wednesday 07th August 2:30 – 8:30 pm

Friday 06th September 2:30 - 8:30 pm

Saturday 07th September 9:30 am - 3 pm

One of three coordinators, Jackie Greenwood, Eileen McElhone, Joan McLean, will be contacting you about being a part of this new directory for our congregation.

And you can sign up today in the foyer before and after the worship time together.