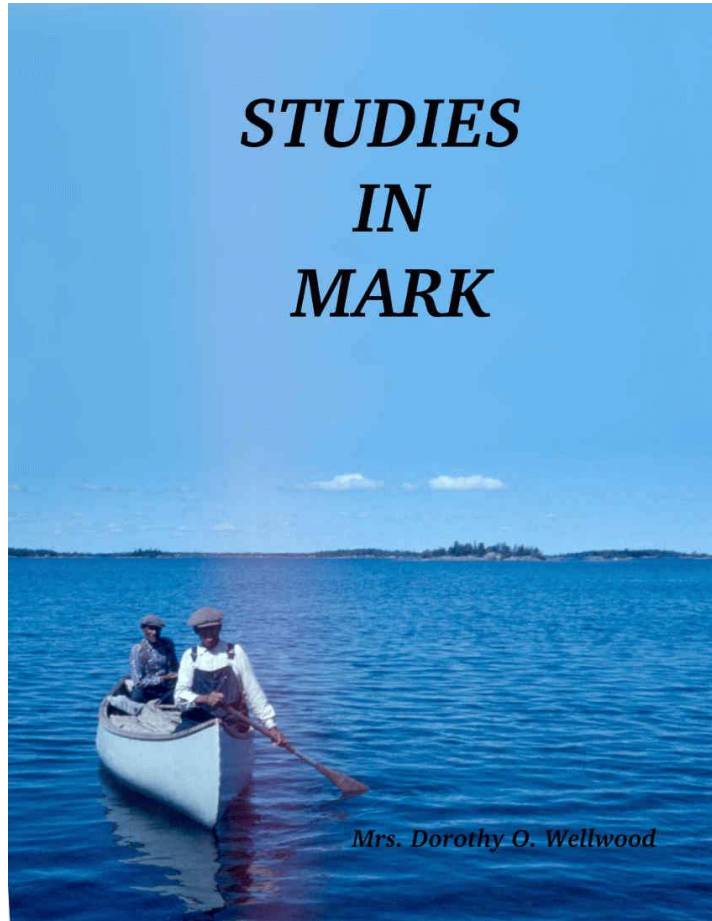


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LESSON 20

MARK 6:14-29

READ MARK 6:14-16

KING HEROD

This story is talking about a king named Herod. In Luke chapter 2, we read much about a wicked king with the same name. The Herod in Luke 2, was the one who had all the babies killed after Jesus was born. The Herod we read about today was the son of that other bad king.

JESUS

Everybody in the land was talking about Jesus. The people told of the great miracles Jesus did. Even king Herod heard about Him. Everyone began to wonder who Jesus really was.

1. Who did King Herod say Jesus was? .
2. Who did some other people think Jesus was? .
3. Still others thought Jesus was .
4. Were any of these right about Jesus? .
5. Who is Jesus really? .
6. Can you find a verse in Mark chapter 1 that tells who Jesus really is?

READ MARK 6:17-29

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Fill in the blanks in the story.

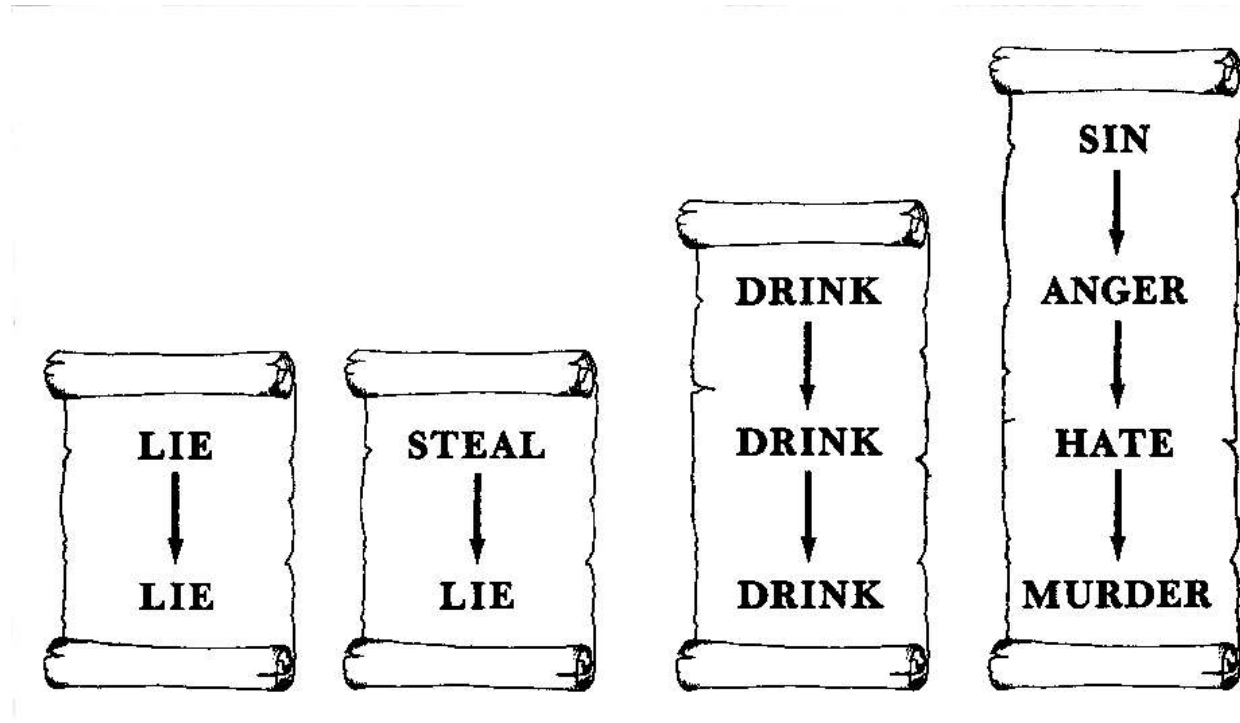
King _____ had a birthday party. He invited his _____, _____, and _____, to his party. (*Chief estates are leaders.*) _____ was not there because he was tied up and put in prison. He had dared to tell queen _____ she was a _____. He said she had married _____ when she was already married to his brother, _____. When he told the queen that was sin, it made her very _____.

The queen hated _____ so much that she wished she could _____ him, but she did not know how. The king was afraid of _____ because he had listened to him, and he knew that he was a _____ and _____ man. (verse 20)

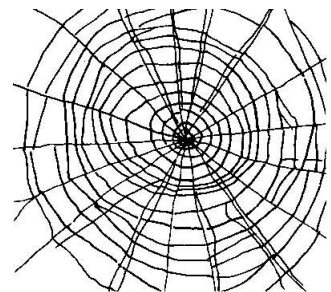
When the feast was going on, the queen had a bright idea. She sent her _____ in to the party to _____ in front of the king and his guests. The king was so pleased with her that he told her he would give her whatever she wanted, even if she asked for _____. The girl did not know what to say, so she ran out and asked _____. Her mother told her to ask for the _____ the _____ in a dish. _____ The king felt _____ when the girl asked for that. He did not want to kill _____ because he knew he was a _____ man. The king did not know what to do. He had to decide. God would not like it if he _____ John. His friends heard what he had promised. They could make fun of him if he was afraid to do what he said. What would he do? At last he decided to _____. One sin leads to another. First

the king and queen had committed the sin of . Then they committed the sin of .

This is how the devil works. If we tell a lie, we have to tell more lies to cover up the first one. If we steal we will likely lie and say we never did it. One drink leads to many more.



When a spider catches a fly in his web, he hurries to wind more threads of the web around the fly, till at last the poor thing cannot move. The only way the fly can get out of the web is for someone to take it out. Even then it can never fly again unless all the spider's sticky webs are cleaned off so it is free. Let this little story be a parable. The fly is a picture of a person.



1. Who would the spider be a picture of?

2. What is the sticky web that the person cannot get away from? .
3. Who can come and take the person out of the web? .
4. How will He clean away all the sticky webs of
so the person will be really free? .

When John was killed, his spirit was set free. His work was done. He had prepared the way for Jesus to come. Now God took John where the power of the wicked people can never reach him again.

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