

## The Death of John the Baptist

### Mark 6:14–29

1. The prophet Malachi, in chapter 4 verse 5, wrote of the God of Israel sending Elijah the prophet at a momentous time. We view this as a prophecy fulfilled by John the Baptist, who would announce a “great and awesome day.” And this is what the Baptist did just prior to Jesus’ coming to him to be baptized.
2. Herod had heard about Jesus, who had become famous, but Herod thought it was John, whom he had beheaded, who had been raised from the dead.
3. Then follows the story of how it was that Herod Antipas, who ruled Galilee from 4 BCE to 39 CE under Roman rule. Herod (divorced) had married his half-brother’s wife, Herodias (also divorced), which was not allowed (see Leviticus 18:16 and 20:21), and John the Baptist loudly and publicly brought this to the attention of all.
4. Herodias, the new wife of Herod, was angry with the Baptist, but Herod himself “heard him [John] gladly.”
5. A situation arose when Herod hosted a big birthday party for himself. Herodias’ daughter (Matthew tells us her name is Salome) danced incredibly seductively, and Herod announced he would give her anything she desired.
6. Conspiring with her mother, she asked for the head of John on a platter, which was carried out quickly.
7. Hearing of this tragedy, John’s disciples took his body away and “laid it in a tomb.”

#### Notes:

## Fourth Sunday after Easter

**Leader:** Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Congregation:** And also with you.

#### The Gloria Patri

**Hymn:** #12 Praise Him! Praise Him!

**Call to Worship:** *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*  
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Leader: We are justified by faith alone, and not by works.

People: AND OUR WORK, WHICH SPRINGS FROM FAITH, IS TO GLORIFY OUR LORD.

Leader: Works prove that true faith is in place; faith is always accompanied by works.

People: WE TRUST IN HIM WHOM WE SERVE.

Leader: Let us worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

#### Collect of the Day:

O GOD, FROM WHOM ALL GOOD THINGS COME; LEAD US BY THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR SPIRIT TO THINK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE RIGHT, AND BY YOUR GOODNESS HELP US TO DO THEM; THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. Amen.

#### We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

**Scripture Reading:** Leviticus 18:16, 20:21; Matthew 3:1–17; Mark 1:1–8; Luke 1:5–25; John 1:19–28.

**Memory Verse:** “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome ay of the LORD comes.” (Malachi 4:5)

**Reflection:** We are in the spiritual genealogy of John the Baptist.

**Choruses:** “I Go to the Rock” & “Seek Ye First”

**Choir:** song with John and Merrily

**Offertory Theme:** In the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospels.

### Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

#### Ways to give when not present at service:

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: [milleravenuechurch.org/giving](http://milleravenuechurch.org/giving) and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

### The Doxology

#### Announcements:

Birthdays, Bible study Friday evenings, Friday night prayer, next Theology class Tuesday, 4/30 5:50–7 pm via Zoom, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

**Bible Exposition:** John 3:1–15 (Rebeka Etuku)

**Second Hymn:** # 358 Because He Lives

**The Sermon:** The Death of John the Baptist  
Mark 6:14–29  
(James Daley)

#### Benediction song:

“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they’ll know  
we are Christians by our love.”

#### Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26):

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

#### Visit our church website: [www.milleravenuechurch.org](http://www.milleravenuechurch.org):

TV Shows, Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, and more!

Also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/miller.avenue.church.mill.valley>

#### Did you know?

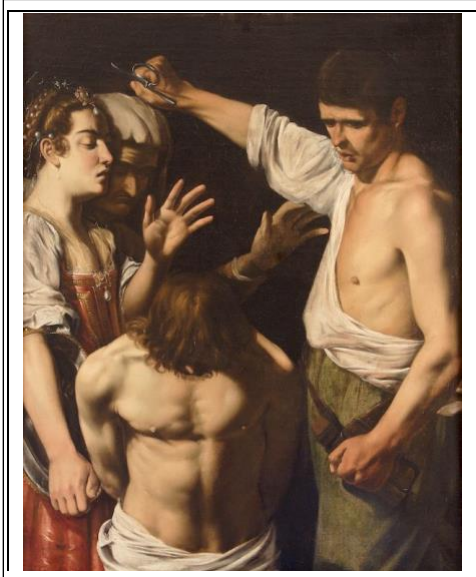
Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:  
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

Roku  
Apple TV  
Fire TV  
Google TV  
YouTube  
Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts and Sunday morning sermons are also on:  
Apple podcasts, Amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio,  
Radio.com mobile app, and Spotify (look for “Miller Avenue Church”)

Questions? ask [katie@milleravenuechurch.org](mailto:katie@milleravenuechurch.org)





**Ministry Associates**

- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
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- James Daley** – Pastor/Treasurer
- Doug Fairclough** – Associate Pastor
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- Andrea Busta** – Audio-Visual
- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry
- Rebeka Etuku** – Preaching/Facilities

← “Saint John the Baptist Preparing Himself for His Martyrdom” by Louis Finson, c. 1607

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Morning Worship ( <i>in person and via Zoom</i> )	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Snacks and Gathering	12:20 pm – 1:20 pm
Spanish Evening Worship ( <i>in person</i> )	3:00 – 4:30 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Theology class ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	5:50 – 7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Divorce Recovery Workshop ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	6:50 – 8:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish	8:00 – 9:00 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Donated distribution in the Hall	10:30 – 11:30 am

**Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,  
 our Lord. He was conceived by the power  
 of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin  
 Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead. On the third  
 day He rose again. He ascended into  
 heaven and is seated at the right hand  
 of the Father. He will come again  
 to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
 Christian Church, the communion  
 of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. **Amen**

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**Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 Hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread and  
 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
 those who trespass against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory forever. **Amen**

**Visitor Information Card**

*✂ Please tear off and fill out card. Place in offering basket or give to church staff member.*

Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Request**

Please pray for:

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Other comments:

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I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**I would like to learn more about:**

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Deliverance Ministry
- Other

**I am interested in helping with:**

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship music
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in attending:**

- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Theology

Other Comments:

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**Upcoming Preaching Schedule  
Morning Service:**

- May 5:** Sermon= Mark Buckley  
Expo= John 3:16–21 (Katie)
- May 12:** Sermon= Mark 6:30–44 (Kent)  
Expo= John 3:22–24 (Ingrid)
- May 19:** Sermon= Mark 6:45–56 (Kent)  
Expo= John 3:25–30 (Richard)

**Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:**

3:00–4:30 p.m.

Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

**TV Program Viewing Schedule**

*(View all on cable channel 26 or 99)*

*Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM*

*Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM*

*Spiritual Paths and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM*

*For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at [cmcm.tv/watchcommunity](http://cmcm.tv/watchcommunity)*

**Giving:**

Monthly Budget \$4,000

\*Giving for April \$3,232

\*Does not includes digital giving



# Miller Avenue Baptist Church

*An Evangelical\* and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,  
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

*(Romans 1:16)*

## Welcome!

### April 28, 2024

\*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"