

Series "Behold Your King"
"The Death of John the Baptist"
Matthew 14:1-12
Part-69

Matthew 11:11

Mark 6:14-29, Luke 9:7-9,

NT (Herod, Herodias and John) OT: (King Ahab, Jezebel, and the prophet Elijah).

Outline:

1. Verses – 1-2 Defiled Conscience - Herod:
2. Verses – 3-5 Clear Conscience - John:
3. Verses – 6-12 Seared Conscience - Herodias:

1. Verses – 1-2 Defiled Conscience - Herod:

Matthew 13:57-58

1. Matthew 1-10 The Revelation of The King:
2. Matthew 11-13 The Rebellion Against The King:
3. Matthew 14-20 The Retirement of The King:

Three groups of people: (1) Christ's enemies, (2) the needy multitudes, (3) the disciples.

John 3:30

Herod the Great - founded the dynasty and ruled from 37 B.C. to 4 B.C.

Herod Antipas - the Herod of this chapter, was a son of Herod the Great. His title was "tetrarch," which means "ruler over the fourth part of the kingdom."

Herod Archelaus $\frac{1}{4}$ Herod Antipas $\frac{1}{2}$ and Herod Philip $\frac{1}{4}$.

Herod Antipas ruled from 4 B.C. to A.D. 39

Herod Agrippa - is the Herod who imprisoned Peter and killed James (Acts 12). He was a grandson of Herod the Great.

Herod Agrippa II - was the Herod who tried Paul (Acts 25:13). He was a son of Agrippa I.

Matthew 14:2

Mark 6:16

John 10:41

Conscience – “to know with” “the soul as distinguishing between what is morally good and bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter, commending one, condemning the other”

1 Samuel 24:5

1 Timothy 4:1-2

1 Timothy 1:5

Luke 13:31-32

Luke 23:6-11

Clear Your Conscience Thru Repentance: Psalm 32:1-5

2. Verses – 3-5 Clear Conscience - John:

Matthew 14:3-4

1. He divorced his own wife without cause. Mal 2:16

2. He married his sister-in-law, (his niece) Leviticus 18:16, 20:21

John Was A Fearless Witness. John had been saying The Greek makes clear "he was continually saying this," he was telling Herod to repent.

John like Elijah confronted Ahab and Jezebel - 1 Kings 18:18; 21:19, 23

John Was A Faithful Witness.

Matthew 14:5

Mark 6:20

Luke 9:9

Luke 23:8

3. Verses – 6-12 Seared Conscience - Herodias:

Mark 6:22

Mark 6:19 And Herodias had a grudge against him

1 Timothy 4:2

Mark 6:23

Matthew 14:9 and although he was grieved, "to affect with sadness, cause grief, to throw into sorrow, offend, to make one uneasy"

Herod's action was typical of a weak man.

1. He chose to do it because he was too weak to admit his error.
2. He was more frightened of a woman's tantrums than of the moral law.
3. He was more frightened of the criticism, and perhaps the amusement, of his guests, than of the voice of conscience.

Application:

1. John Was One of God's Greatest Prophets.
2. John Was A Fearless Witness.
3. John Was A Faithful Witness.
4. Herod Was A Weak Ruler Whose Only Concern was his Own Pleasure and Position.
5. Herod did not serve the People, he served Himself.
6. Herod Has the Dubious Honor of Being the Man Who Killed the Greatest Prophet ever sent to Proclaim God's Word.

1 Corinthians 1:18-19