

Series "The God Who Serves"
"The Murder Of God's Prophet"
Mark 6:14-29
Study-20

Matt 11:11

Luke 1:7

Luke 1:15

Mark 6:20

All 3 Gospels mention this event – Matt 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Shortest is Luke 9:7-9

Thought Of Our Passage: "A Righteous, Holy Life Is An Influence Both In Life And Death, But Sin Brings Its Own Punishment"

1. Verses 14-20 – Tormented Conscience

2. Verses 21-29 – Trapped Conscience

1. Verses 14-20 – Tormented Conscience:

Mark 6:14

Mark 6:12-13

Matthew 10:8

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

Matt. 2:13-18

Herod Antipas – the Herod of this chapter, was a son of Herod the Great. He ruled Galilee and Perea 4 BC-39 AD; His title in Matt 14:1 "tetrarch," which means "ruler over the fourth part of the kingdom." Herod Archelaus $\frac{1}{4}$, Herod Antipas $\frac{1}{2}$ and Herod Philip $\frac{1}{4}$.

Gen. 25:19

Unger's Bible Dictionary – "He was ... a heathen in practice, and a monster in character."

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.

Herod Antipas – was guilty of gross sin: He had eloped with Herodias, the wife of his half-brother Philip, divorcing his own wife.

Mark 6:15

“He is Elijah” – Mal 4:5; John 10:41

“He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” Deut 18:15

Mark 6:16

Mark 1:14

Herod’s root problem was a guilty conscience:

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”

Old Testament, the Hebrew word usually translated “heart” (1 Sam. 24:5)

1 Tim. 4:1-2

Romans 2:15

Instead of heeding his conscience, Herod even determined to kill Jesus as he had killed John. Luke 13:31-32

Luke 23:6-11; Heb. 3:7-8

Mark 6:17

The Cost For Denouncing Sin! Note that John, God’s Man was placed in prison for doing the will of God.

“on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip,” – Notice, Herodias is not called Herod’s wife, but called the wife of his brother Philip.

Mark 6:18

John Was A Fearless Witness: "For John had been saying to Herod," – "John was continually saying this"

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

John Was A Faithful Witness.

Mal. 3:5

1. Herod divorced his own wife without cause. Mal 2:16
2. Herod married his sister-in-law, (his niece); under Jewish law, this was a prohibited relationship. Lev. 18:16; 20:21

Luke 6:26

We have 2 different types of rejection to the message:

Mark 6:19

1. Herodias – (Woman With Shameless Hated)

"had a grudge against him" – Literally, "had it in for him"; wanted to put him to death "had an ongoing desire to kill him" – "and could not do so;"

Mark 6:20

2. Herod – (Man Who Was Weak)

"for Herod was afraid of John," – (Conscience the conviction of the truth)

"And when he heard him, he was very perplexed;" – (Terribly Disturbed) but he used to enjoy listening to him. (Trapped Conscience, loved His sin, loved John's holiness)

Matt 14:5

2. Verses 21-29 – Trapped Conscience:

Mark 6:21-22

"daughter of Herodias" – Josephus said that her name was "Salome"; She was 13 years of age.

What kind of mother would allow her daughter to dance in front of a bunch of drunk men?

Herodias did not hesitate to use her own daughter to achieve her ends.

Mark 6:23-26

Herod's action was typical of a weak man. (Trapped Conscience)

"Herod was a man who could take a firm stand on the wrong things, even when he knew what was right; and such a stand is the sign, not of strength, but of weakness."

Mark 6:27-29

Matt 14:12 – "they went and reported to Jesus."

2 Corinthians 4:17

Application:

1. Today We Need People Like John The Baptist, Righteous, And Holy, Who Are Both Fearless and Faithful In Their Witness.
2. Never Violate Your Conscience. The Danger Of Ignoring The Voice Of Right And Wrong Will Result In A Conscience That Is Seared, And Void Of Right And Wrong.
3. We Should Never Underestimate The Power Of Preaching. Don't Be Discouraged At The Lack Of Evidence On The Outside, Because God Can Be At Work On The Inside.