

LOSING YOUR HEAD WITHOUT LOSING YOUR HEAD

Mark 6:14-29

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- I. Herod was a _____ led by his _____ and _____ of _____.
- A. Herod was led by his _____ for Herodias.
- B. Herod was led by his _____ for Salome.
- C. Herod was led by _____ of his guests.
- II. John the Baptist was a _____ led by his _____ and _____ of the _____.
- A. John came to _____ the way for _____.
- B. John knew his ministry was _____ and _____.
- III. Jesus' disciples were men led by Jesus to _____ his _____.
- A. John's _____ ends with him in a _____.
- B. Jesus' _____ doesn't end in a _____.
- C. Jesus' _____ continues through his _____.

Mark 8:35-37

Mark 6:14-16

Mark 3:14-15

Mark 6:12-13; 6:30

Matt. 2:16; 6:24

Mark 6:17

Mark 6:19-20

Mark 6:22

Mark 6:26

Mark 6:20

John 1:19-27

Acts 18:24-28

Acts 19:1-5

John 3:26-30

Mark 6:29

Mark 15:46

Mark 16:5-6

Matt. 28:18-20

I Cor. 11:1

Mark 8:35-37

Philippians 1:20

TODAY'S TEXT

Mark 6:14-29 *ESV*

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Journey Group Questions

1. What part of the sermon stood out to you? What about it captured you?
2. What stories do you have about receiving advice or input from God-honoring friends? Why is it important to be intentional about who is influencing us?
3. Herod knew the truth but refused to receive it. Which biblical truths do you struggle to receive and implement? How can your Journey Group help you grow in these areas?
4. How have you seen the saying "The same sun which softens the wax also hardens the clay" play out in your own life?
5. What does it look like in your context (work, family, school, neighborhood, etc) to live out Philippians 1:20?