

Sermon Notes

Series: Mark - On Mission With Jesus

SESSION 20

CHOOSING YOUR EXAMPLE

Becoming a faithful follower of Jesus has a lot to do with who you choose to look up to and learn from. Our primary example will always be the Lord Jesus Christ, who we can observe through a faithful study of Scripture. In addition to this, we will need the help of others to be a disciple and make disciples of Jesus. In our passage today, we observe the difference between someone who truly loves and serves God and someone who simply does not. Just because the contrast is clear does not mean people will always choose the right example in who they follow, which makes this an even more interesting study as we consider our own lives.

Mark 6:14-29 - *And King Herod heard of it, for His name had become well known; and people were saying, "John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." But others were saying, "He is Elijah." And others were saying, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he kept saying, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen!" For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death and could not do so; for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him. A strategic day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee; and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you." And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." Immediately she came in a hurry to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded him to bring back his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about this, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.*

WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?

1. John was a godly man
2. John was a fearless man
3. John was a faithful man

Hebrews 11:35-38 - *There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them.*

WHO WAS HEROD ANTIPAS?

1. Herod was a sinful man
2. Herod was a fearful man
3. Herod was a conflicted man

WHO WILL WE BE IN OUR WORLD TODAY?

1. We must choose righteousness over unrighteousness
2. We must choose the fear of God over the fear of man
3. We must choose faithfulness to the end