

PRACTICAL | application to my life

What's a situation in your life right now where God's asking you to stand up for the truth?

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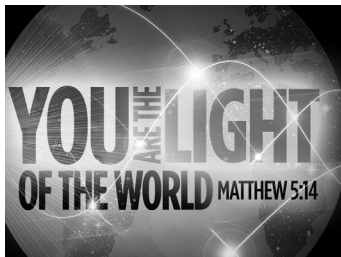
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SERMON NOTES

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark

Matt Cameron

Message: "Herod and the Headless Prophet"

Crossroads Christian Church

Text: Mark 6:14-29

Oct. 20, 2013

"HEROD AND THE HEADLESS PROPHET"

1. THE _____ THAT _____ HEROD. *Mark 6:7*

2. THE _____ THAT _____ HEROD. *Mark 6:8-10*

Matthew 11:11

Sin always _____ you farther than you want to go,
_____ you longer than you want to stay,
and _____ you more than you could ever imagine.

3. THE _____ THAT _____ HEROD. *Mark 6:10-11*

Matthew 16:26

Herod had lived such a _____ life for so long his conscience was _____.

FOUR FINAL COMMENTS:

1. I'm really glad Mark shared the rest of the _____ with us about _____.
2. We need to be _____, like John, and not be afraid to confront _____ in our lives or in others.
3. Our _____ is a gift from God and we need to listen to it.
4. There's no need to live with _____ from our past, _____ from our sin or _____ in our hearts.

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For the week of Oct. 20, 2013.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

HISTORICAL | getting to know me

1. Last week we saw how God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary ministry. Did you have an opportunity to be used by God in the past week? If so, describe what happened.
2. Have you ever made a promise to someone you later regretted?

BIBLICAL | digging deeper into the Bible

In this week's message, Mark "flashbacked" to Herod and John the Baptist and told us the rest of the story. John was a man of courage and conviction, who stood up for the truth, something we'll look at in greater detail here.

1. In the story of John the Baptist's death we learn that John stood up for what was right, Herod acted out of fear of what other people thought, and Herodias acted out of bitterness. Who do you relate to most in the story and why?

Read the story of Pilate's handling of Jesus in Matthew 27:15-26. What similarities do you see between Herod in Mark 6 and Pilate in Matthew 27?

We face some kind of pressure – family, peer, social, political – almost every day of our lives. How do the following verses instruct us to do what's right in the face of these pressures?

- Exodus 23:2 (NIV)
- Romans 12:2
- Acts 5:29

2. Herodias didn't like hearing the truth – she had the messenger killed. You may not order a hit on a person, but are you open to hearing the truth? How do you usually respond when you're confronted with a truth you don't want to hear?

Do you find it strange that Herod enjoyed listening to John the Baptist, even though John rebuked him for his marriage to Herodias (Mark 6:20)? How do we explain this? Do you know people who enjoy listening to God's truth, even though it convicts and possibly offends them (Hebrews 4:12)?

3. Imagine the courage it must have taken for John the Baptist to rebuke Herod and Herodias for marrying each other (Mark 6:18; Luke 3:19-20). When have you taken a similar courageous stand for the truth in your life (Ephesians 4:15)?

Herod was entertained by John the Baptist, but he could not spare John's life (Mark 6:25-28). Contrast Herod's life of cowardice to John's life of conviction. According to 1 Corinthians 15:58, how does God desire for us to live? How are you living?