

John 1:27 "He is the One who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

Colossians 3:12 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

James 4:6b "... God opposes proud but gives grace to the humble."

C. John was a faithful herald of God's message.

Matthew 3:1 "In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea, ^[2] saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Mark 16:15 "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

D. John boldly confronted Herod regarding his sin.

Luke 3:19 "But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done."

E. John finished his race.

Luke 3:20 "Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison."

****Mark 6:27** "So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison."

2 Timothy 3:12 "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

Mistaken Identity

Mark 6:14-29

Lesson #23

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John 1:29 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Matthew 3:2 "... Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

John 1:32 "Then John gave this testimony, "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him. ^[33] I would not have known Him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is He who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. ^[34] "I have seen and testify that this is the Son of God."

John 5:18 "For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill Him; not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God."

John 8:58 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

John 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

John 14:9 "Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'

John 20:28 "My Lord and my God!"

Titus 2:13b "... our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ"

2 Peter 1:1b "... our God and Savior"

I. Herod and the people were mistaken about the identity of Jesus.

****Mark 6:14** "King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known."

A. Some thought Jesus was John the Baptist.

****Mark 6:14b** "... Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

B. Others thought Jesus was the bold prophet, Elijah.

****Mark 6:15a** "Others said, "He is Elijah."

C. Some thought Jesus was just one of the Bible prophets of old.

****Mark 6:15b** "... And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

****Mark 6:16** "But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

II. Herod murdered the one who taught about the identity of Jesus.

A. Herod was angry at John and he imprisoned him.

****Mark 6:17** "For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married."

Matthew 14:5 "Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered him a prophet."

****Mark 6:18** "For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

B. John's message infuriated Herodias who wanted John dead.

****Mark 6:19** "So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to."

Matthew 5:18 "But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.'^[19] For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander."

****Mark 6:20** "Because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him."

C. Herod was interested in the daughter of Herodias.

****Mark 6:21** "Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee."

****Mark 6:22** "When the daughter of^[c] Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you."

****Mark 6:23** "And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

****Mark 6:24** "She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered."

D. Herod implemented the execution of John the Baptist.

****Mark 6:25** "At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

****Mark 6:26** "The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her."

****Mark 6:27** "So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison."

****Mark 6:28** "... brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother."

****Mark 6:29** "On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb."

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. John honored Christ and exalted Him.

John 3:30 "He must become greater; I must become less."

Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

B. John was a humble servant of the Lord.