



SMALL GROUPS | CURRICULUM

SERMON TITLE	DATE
Title: The Ugliness of Sin	August 21, 2016

Tools: pen, pencils, your notes from the sermon

Read: Mark 6:14–29

Notice that v.14–29 focuses on the dysfunctional Herod family and the prophet John that Herod didn't know what to do with. This passage may be entitled "The Murder of John the Baptist by prideful, insecure King Herod Antipas on behalf of his angry and vengeful wife Herodias".

1. Who was Antipas' father and what did the Romans do with his kingdom of Israel when the father died?
2. Who was Herodias. and Salome?
3. What message did John bring to Israel? Read Mark 1:14

Read Mark 6:18–19

1. What had John said to Antipas?
2. What did this produce in Herodias?

*Note that in our passage John has already been murdered by Antipus who now fears that Jesus is John resurrected from the dead to torment Antipas for his sins!

As we consider this passage and how it applies to us, Pastor Kevin gave us three warnings.

1. Pride Will Consume You: Don't Ignore Jesus Mark 6:14

A. What facts from this passage lead us to conclude that pride was consuming Antipus from the inside out?

B. What are some things we may long for rather than Jesus?

C. In what ways can you see this as pride?

D. South African Christian writer from the 1800s Andrew Murray said "Pride must die in you or nothing of Jesus can live in you." Why do you think this is true?

2. Sin is Messed Up: Flee from it Quickly Mark 6:17, 20

A. Why did Antipas fear John?

B. Notice in verse 21 an opportunity came for Herodius at Antipas' men-only party when his step daughter danced and pride led to further unchecked sin.

C. In what ways might our culture's lust for things and sex and compromise cause you to take sin lightly?

D. How do you combat sin? Look at 1Corinthians 6:18, 10:14, 2Timothy 2:22 and James 4:7–8? In what ways can you treasure God and his word more than the temporary pleasure of sin?

3. Peer Pressure is a Trap: Know Who You Are! Mark 6:26

A. In our passage Antipas hears of Jesus. Then we jump back to Antipus' murder of John. In Luke 23:1–15 we jump forward to Antipus finally meeting Jesus , but his pride consumes him and he ignores Jesus. How do you get rid of fear and pride and live in freedom?

MEMORY VERSE:

2 Timothy 2:22 "So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

Men/Women Accountability:

1. Consider the cost of following Jesus. What do you do with behavior in your life when God's Word says such behavior is sin?

2. What has the Holy Spirit given to believers as the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:23? What would be the #1 you need more of in your life?

3. Read Proverbs 25:28 Why is self-control so important?

What happens to our prayers when we sit on the fence of sin according to Psalm 66:18 and Proverbs 28:19? How is your prayer life?