

PROPHETS WITHOUT HONOR

PART 2: THE PROPHET MURDERED (Matthew 14:1-12)

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WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE KILL THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST?

¹"At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus..." Matthew 14:1 (BSB)

¹²"So they set out and preached that the people should repent. ¹³They also drove out many demons and healed many of the sick, anointing them with oil. ¹⁴Now King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known, and people were saying, 'John the Baptist has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.'"

Mark 6:12-14 (BSB)

² "...and said to his servants, 'This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.'"

Matthew 14:2 (BSB)

- _____ PEOPLE NOT GROUNDED IN _____.

³"Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ because John had been telling him, 'It is not lawful for you to have her.'"

Matthew 14:3-4 (BSB)

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery."

Exodus 20:14 (BSB)

- _____, _____ - _____ PEOPLE.

⁵"Although Herod wanted to kill John..."

Matthew 14:5a (BSB)

¹⁹"So Herodias held a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she had been unable, ²⁰because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man. When he heard John's words, he was greatly perplexed; yet he listened to him gladly."

Mark 6:19-20 (BSB)

⁵ "...he was afraid of the people, because they regarded John as a prophet."

Matthew 14:5b (BSB)

- _____ AND _____ - _____ PEOPLE.

⁶"On Herod's birthday, however, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod ⁷ so much that he promised with an oath to give to her whatever she asked."

Matthew 14:6-7 (BSB)

- _____ PEOPLE.

⁸"Prompted by her mother, she said, 'Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.'"

Matthew 14:8 (BSB)

- _____ PEOPLE.

⁹"The king was grieved, but because of his oaths and his guests, he ordered that her wish be granted ¹⁰ and sent to have John beheaded in the prison." Matthew 14:9-10 (BSB)

¹¹"John's head was brought in on a platter and presented to the girl, who carried it to her mother. ¹² "Then John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. And they went and informed Jesus." Matthew 14:11-12 (BSB)

WHAT DO THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST DO?

⁴ "...John had been telling him, 'It is not lawful for you to have her.'" Matthew 14:4 (BSB)

- _____ **THE** _____.

⁶ "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" John 14:6 (BSB)

BOTTOM LINE:

_____ **NOT** _____.

NEXT STEPS

- **FAIR SUNDAY**
 - Sunday, August 31st, beginning at 9:40am, GNG will host our annual service at the Highland County Fair. Purchase your half-price tickets at the hub today. For those that cannot attend, we will livestream a recorded version of the lesson on Sunday at 10 through our website and social media channels.
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