

LIFE & MINISTRY OF *Christ*

Jesus Lived Free of Satan's Trap of Offense

Matthew 14: 1- 16

1. How offense - influences your attitude and behavior.

a. John the Baptist spoke the truth.

- John the Baptist taught people - justice, mercy, honesty, morality, fasting prayer, and confession of sin.
- Herod wanted to kill him, but put him in prison instead

b. Sin will take you where you don't want to go.

- "The Party" - Herodias's daughter performed a dance and it pleased the king.
- The king vowed to give her anything she wanted.
- Herod - lustful
- Herodias's - bitter & envious - therefore she wanted John the Baptists head on a tray.
- Her power and fame were worthless because she died without a savior.
- Her offense brought her to a place where she wanted John murdered.

Quote: "Little did Herodias know that the God she ignored, held her eternal life in his hands"

2. How did Jesus deal with offenses? The word How many opportune times did Jesus have to be offended?

- He was blindfolded and beaten and then mocked:
"Prophesy! Who hit you?"

Luke 22:63

- Found guilty of violating the sabbath
- Denied, betrayed, rejected, falsely accused
- When Jesus heard the news that John was beheaded

His body was buried, then they told Jesus what happened.

- He left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. Went away to solitude.
- The news spread about the death and the huge crowd followed Jesus.
- Jesus had compassion and his compassion healed the sick (13-14)

3. Has Satan tried to trap you in an offense?

4. How do you handle offenses?

1. Understand it is inevitable.
2. Get into the presence of the Lord
3. Spiritual growth strengthens
4. Pray for that person
5. Trust God's voice over your feelings
6. Offenses reveal your level of spiritual growth.

Ephesians 4:21-32

JESUS

Was never SELF-CENTERED

Every emotion He had – was moved to do good

He respond with **LOVE & COMPASSION**

Allow your OFFENSE to move TOWARD COMPASSION