

The Gospel in Action (13)

Interlude – The Cost of Following

Mark 6:14-29

Intro: Class Reunion

I. Herod's Opinion of Jesus (v. 14-16)

II. Herod's Opinion of John (v. 17-20)

III. Herod's Lust for Power (v. 21-29)

Conclusion: The Greatest (Matthew 11:11)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. There is a difference between being "impressed with Jesus" and "trusting Jesus as Lord of your life." Herod was impressed with Jesus, but he wanted to be Lord himself. And this is the case for many people today also. But what about you? Who is Jesus to you? Is He a great man, worthy of our respect? Or is He the Lord of your life, worthy of worship?
2. What aspects of the story of John the Baptist's death stand out to you, and why? What are the takeaways for us in 21st Century America?
3. Read Matthew 11:11. How does Jesus' commentary on "greatness" challenge the worldly narrative? How does it inspire you to live life differently?
4. Mark's point in this "interlude" is that there is a COST to discipleship. We don't have a guarantee that things will go the way we want. All we know is that God will use our lives for His Glory... and even the LEAST in the Kingdom will be greater than the great and important people in this world. Is that enough for you to follow Jesus, even in spite of the cost?