

Southside Baptist Church  
Wednesday Night Worship – 1-10-24  
Matthew Chapter 13 Part 8 into Chapter 14 Part 1  
The problem of unbelief and John the Baptist Death

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) The Parable of the Net. Matthew 13:47-50
  - a) The “net” is the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - b) The “net contained “good” and “bad”.
  - c) At the “end of the world”, God will separate believers from unbelievers.
- 2) What will you do with what you have been given? Matthew 13:51-52
  - a) If they understand they now have a responsibility.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) According to verse 53 Jesus departs, but where did He go?

2. Jesus heads to Nazareth: Matthew 13:53-58

a. The chronology might surprise you here.

- 1) What happens next is something we have already studied.

a) **Matthew 8:23-34** –

b) **Matthew 9:18-26** –

c) **Matthew 9:27-34** –

b. Now we are in Nazareth: **Matthew 13:54-58**

- 1) Jesus is teaching in the synagogue.

2) To teach in the synagogue would be to assume the role of a Rabbi.

3) You can tell by the next comments that Jesus is in His hometown.

a) Did you catch their argument?

c. Why mention Jesus’ brothers and sisters here?

1) Could it be from a challenge Moses gave in Deuteronomy 6?

2) Could it be they noted His brothers and sisters to get them to speak up about Him?

3) Could it be a picture once again of His own rejecting Him?

a) II Corinthians 5:16 –

b) They knew Jesus in the flesh –

c) Verse 57 - “And they were offended in him...”

3. One more time for our benefit:

a. Summary –

4. What really happened to John the Baptist? Matthew 14:1-14

a. What happens next?

1) We will see what Jesus does now that the kingdom is on hold.

2) The invisible spiritual system that is opposed to God and His Son. It contains:

a) **Ideas** – what is right and wrong,

b) **People** – those who live for themselves, by their own standard or morals.

c) **Activities** - these center in appealing to the lusts of our eyes, our flesh and our pride.

d)**Purpose** - be happy, be rich, be famous, be who you think you want to be not who you were created to be. -

e)The center in this system is **self** which is why it appeals so much to people because we are always in a battle with self – selfishness.

b.Why is the king nervous? Matthew 14:1-2

1)He has heard about the “fame of Jesus” –

2)Is this his conscience at work here?

c.The night John the Baptist was killed. Matthew 14:3-12

1)Verse 3 – John stood up to the king.

2)Verse 5 – John has a solid testimony among the people.

3)Verse 6 – Solome danced for the king.

4)Verse 8 – Herodias knew how this would go.

5)Verse 9 – Could the king have avoided this?

6)Verse 10 – Lots of questions come to mind here for me.

7)Verse 12 – This could not have been easy for them.

8)Herod has a difficult ending to his life on earth.

5.Tonight’s Take Away:

a.Did John the Baptist die with a clear conscience?