

# **Mark 6:14-29 “The Voice and the Conscience”**

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### **A Sickening Story and a Literary Flashback**

#### **John the Baptist** Mt 3:3 Forerunner and “The Voice”

- 1<sup>st</sup> Voice, Greatest Prophet, Powerful Message

#### **Herod Antipas and His Guilty Conscience**

- The Inner Voice that speaks when facing a temptation or moral choice
- We All Have One Rom 1:29, 2:15
- Not Infallible: Needs to be Educated to be a Reliable Moral Compass

## **Mark 6:14-17**

### **Many Herod’s in Bible**

- Father: Herod the Great
- v14 Herod Antipas: ¼ Ruler, Tiberius, Knew John but Not Jesus

### **The Story Behind the Text**

- Herod, Brother Phillip, 1<sup>st</sup> Wife and New Wife And Daughter

### **Flashback After John Was Dead** His Conscience is Still Bothering Him

- Can’t Escape Guilt....it Presses, Demands and Accuses Num 32:23
- It’s A Merciful \_\_\_\_\_..... Motivates Us to Confess Pro 28:13

## **Mark 6:17-20**

### **Herod & Herodias Visit John**

- Herod Got an Ear Full..... And was John Arrested.
- Prison in the Palace.... “Macherus” in Jordan

## **Mark 6:21-29**

### **Herod’s Birthday Bash**

- Mom’s Opportunity, Step Daughter’s Dance, Stepdad’s Lust

### **What Kind of Mom and Dad Would Do This?**

- Lack of Morals, Blurred Lines, and Twisted Thinking
- “Children have a much better chance of growing up if their parents have done so first” Abraham Lincoln

### **Crisis of Conscience** “The Devil Never Tells the Whole Story”

- The Voice from the Grave

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#### **The Rest of the Story**

- Luke 13:31-33 The Only Words Jesus Spoke to Herod
- Luke 23:6-11 Jesus and Herod Finally Meet Face to Face

#### **The Tragic Story of How to Kill the Conscience**

- Americas Moral Crisis..... Trying to Silence Moral Voices

#### **The Good News** 1Jn 1:9

- Confess, Agree and Call it What God Calls it.
- Heb 10:22 God Grants a Healthy Conscience
- A Final Step.....