

INTRODUCTION

- A. GOSPEL HARMONY: HORIZONTAL CONTEXT** (see *Samuel, Kings, Chronicles*)
- B. SYNOPTICS & JOHN** (e.g., narration & commentary; description & explanation; play & color; see Dt.19:15)
- C. FORERUNNER: BIRTH, MINISTRY, ARREST, DEATH** (Lk.1:17,76)
- D. LINK: BEFORE & AFTER** (Mk.6:17-19 w/7-13 & 30f; also Lk.9:7-9 w/1-6 & 10,11; see Jn.1:6f; 5:33)

HEROD IS BLIND TO THE TRUTH (Mk.6:14-16; see Lk.9:7-9; Mt.14:1,2; see Mt.13:15)

- A. TETRARCH: PETTY KING** (Mk.6:14; see Mt.14:1; Lk.9:7; 3:19)
- B. HEARD REPORT OF THE NAME OF JESUS** (Mk.6:14(7f); Lk.9:7(1f); see Mt.14:1)
- C. THOROUGHLY CONFUSED BY SPECULATIONS** (Lk.9:7f(19); see Mk.6:14f)
- D. THE LOGIC OF A GUILTY CONSCIENCE** (Mk.6:14&16; Lk.9:7&9; see Prv.28:1)
- E. POINT: MISSED POINT** (Mk.6:17f,20 with Jn.1:6-8; 19f,29f (Mt.3; Mk.1; Lk.3); see Rom.1:18f; 2Th.2:10)

HEROD'S BLINDING SINS (Lk.3:19,20; see Mk.6:17-29; Mt.14:3-12; see Mt.13:15)

- A. SENT: ARRESTED, BOUND & IMPRISONED** (Mk.6:17; see Mt.14:3; Lk.3:20; note: Machaerus)
- B. CHARGE: REBUKING THE KING** (Lk.3:19; see Mk.6:18; Mt.14:4)
- C. REBUKING: INCESTUOUS MARRIAGE** (Lk.3:19; see Mk.6:18; Mt.14:4; see Lev.18:16; 20:21; 1Cor.5:1)
- D. "SHUT UP" IN PRISON** (Lk.3:20; see Mk.6:17; Mt.14:3)
- E. HERODIAS: HAD IT IN FOR** (Mk.6:19; see Mt.14:5)
- F. HEROD: PROTECTED** (Mk.6:20)
 - 1. afraid of John & the people (Mk.6:20(Acts 3:14); Mk.14:5; see Mk.11:30-32)
 - 2. confused and entertained (Mk.6:20 (Lk.9:7); see Acts 24:24-26; 25:22; see Lk.13:31; 23:8f)
- G. OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: BIRTHDAY PARTY** (Mk.6:21f; see Mt.14:6f; note: Machaerus)
 - 1. full complement of his associates (Mk.6:21; see Mt.14:6)
 - 2. separate dining rooms (Mk.6:22,24,25; note: Machaerus)
 - 3. Herodias' young daughter (Mk.6:22(5:41,42); Mt.14:6; see Mt.18:6)
 - 4. impaired judgment: blank check (Mk.6:22,23; Mt.14:6,7)
 - 5. Herodias eagerly cashed it (Mk.6:24,25; Mt.14:8)
 - 6. Herod hurt all over but pride prevailed (Mk.6:26,27(20); Mt.14:9,10)
 - 7. Herodias' trophy of complete victory (Mk.6:28; Mt.14:11; see 1Sam.17:46f; 31:9)
 - 8. Herod's humiliation of utter guilt (Mk.6:16; Lk.9:9)
 - 9. John's disciples buried; reported (Mk.6:29; Mt.14:12f)

LESSONS FROM A BAD EXAMPLE

- A. SIN METASTATIZES: REPENT QUICKLY & COMPLETELY** (Mk.6:18,27(16); see Rom.1:18f; 2Sam.11; 13; see 2Tm.2:22(Gen.39:12); Mk.9:43f,50; Col.3:5)
- B. GIVE & RECEIVE CORRECTION HUMBLY** (Lk.3:19; Mk.6:18(2Tm3:16,17); see Ps141:5; Prv20:30; 27:6; Eph.4:15; Mt.18:15f; Heb.12:11; Rom.15:14)
- C. IF YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT IS TRUE, YOU WILL BELIEVE WHAT IS FALSE** (Mk.6:20(1:1f) / 6:14&16; see Rom.1:18f; 2Th.2:10)
- D. DO NOT BLIND YOURSELF TO THE TESTIMONY: REPENT & BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL** (Mk.6:14f,20; see Lk.9:7f; Mt.14:1f(13:15); see Mt.3:2; 4:17; 10:7,8; see Lk.1:1-4; Jn.20:30,31)