

Small Group Study Notes

Mark 6:14-30

1. This story is inserted into the story of the sending out of the twelve (v7-30; with 14-29 being the insert). Why insert a story of this nature into the story of the sending of the twelve?
2. 1:4 = 6:27. 1:14=10:33. 6:12=13:9 - What does this pattern say to us?
3. Why would the people think that Jesus was Elijah?
4. Sum up Herod's character.
5. Why would Herod think that Jesus was John the Baptist resurrected?
6. Was John a success or not?
7. Herod had John incarcerated to shut him up and yet he still went on listening to him. Why?
8. What sort of pressures were on Herod that took away from him the freedom to renege on his promise to the girl?
9. Why did Herodias hate John with such a passion?
10. Herod seems to have been troubled by his conscience yet still ignores it. Herodias and her daughter do not seem to have a conscience. What is the cost of ignoring our conscience? What does it mean when we do not have a conscience?