

Herodias Had A Quarrel Against Him

I. Introduction:

- A. Regardless of the reception of such, the word of God is to be boldly proclaimed (**I Thessalonians 2:2**).
 - 1. Some might perceive bold teaching as ignorance (**Acts 4:13**).
 - 2. Some won't listen (**Acts 19:8-10**).
- B. If reception becomes the concern, the watered down word of God will be ineffective in SAVING lost souls (**I Corinthians 1:17-21**).
 - 1. There is no greater love than Jesus showed (**John 15:13**; cf. **John 10:11; 10:15**).
 - 2. Yet, Jesus was offensive and unapologetic for it (**Matthew 15:1-14**).

II. Body: **Mark 6:7-29**

- A. There was no greater prophet than John (**Luke 9:19**).
 - 1. John was led by the Holy Spirit (**Luke 1:13-15**).
 - 2. John came preparing they way for Jesus (**Luke 3:1-10**).
 - 3. John's preaching marked the beginning of the end of the Law and prophets of old (**Luke 16:16**).
- B. Herodias had a quarrel against because he spoke against her marriage to Herod (**Leviticus 20:21**).
 - 1. Jesus certainly didn't loosen the marriage law (**Matthew 5:31-32**).
 - 2. This was/is a struggle for many to accept (**Matthew 19:1-12**).
- C. Why couldn't John just "leave it alone" as many would say (**Acts 20:26-27**)?
 - 1. There are those that love preaching unless preaching turns into meddling. Teaching is needs based (**Luke 10:38-42, I Corinthians 7:35, and Jude 1:3-4**).
 - 2. The Gospel can only save those that believe and belief is action (**Romans 1:16-17 and James 1:19-25; cf. James 2:14-26**).
 - 3. Sadly, such teaching causes one to have enemies (**John 3:19-21 and Galatians 4:16**).
- D. Did you notice that Herod feared John, valued John's character, and did many of the things John said (**Mark 6:20**)?
 - 1. Doesn't **Ezekiel 33:30-33** and **Matthew 7:21-29** come to mind here?
 - 2. Knowing the truth does no good if you don't do it (**John 8:31-32 and Romans 2:13**).
 - 3. Don't ever think that ignorance is the only reason people are lost (**Romans 1:18-32**).

III. Conclusion: Regardless of what "quarrels" may arise, we need to be people that speak the truth (**Ephesians 4:25**)!