
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
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Mark 6:14-29

Herod's guilty conscience



Who is King Herod?

Herod the Great

King of Palestine (37BC – 4BC)
Killed Bethlehem babies

- Antipater
- Alexander
- Herod Aristobulus
  - Herod Of Chalcis
  - Herod Agrippa I
  - **Herodias**
- Herod Philip I
- **Herod Antipas**
- Herod Archelaus
- Herod Philip II



Herod's guilty conscience

- He heard about the miracles
- He knew about Jesus' growing ministry
- He thought Jesus was John the Baptist

He had John imprisoned and killed



Herod's difficult predicament

- He wanted to appease his wife (v17)
- He was afraid of John (v20)
- He was perplexed by John (v20)
- He enjoyed listening to John (v20)



Herodias' sinister plot

- She held a grudge against John (v19)
- She wanted to put him to death (v19)
- She waited for a strategic day (v21)
- She sent her daughter to dance (v22)
- She demanded the head of John (v24)



Herod's foolish decision

- A birthday celebration (v21)
- A sensual dance (v22)
- An impulsive promise (v23)
- A proud oath (v23)



What can I do about a guilty conscience?

1. Recognize the cause: Sin
1. Realize the consequences: Punishment
1. Receive the solution: Forgiveness through Jesus Christ
1. Rely on the Spirit in order to live with a clear conscience



Recognize the cause: Sin

Psalm 32:3-4

"When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer."



Recognize the cause: Sin

Proverbs 28:17

"A man who is laden with the guilt of human blood will be a fugitive until death; let no one support him."



Recognize the cause: Sin

1 Samuel 24:5-6

"It came about afterwards that David's conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's robe. So he said to the men, 'Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD'S anointed.'"



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Realize the consequences: Punishment

Nahum 1:3:

"The LORD is slow to anger in great in power, and the LORD will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. In whirlwind and storm is His way, and clouds are the dust beneath His feet."



Realize the consequences: Punishment

Ezekiel 18:20:

"The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself."



Realize the consequences: Punishment

Romans 6:23:

"For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."



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Receive the solution: Forgiveness through Jesus Christ

Leviticus 5:17-19

"Now if a person sins and does any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, though he was unaware, still he is guilty and shall bear his punishment. He is then to bring to the priest a ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his error in which he sinned unintentionally and did not know it, and it will be forgiven him. It is a guilt offering; he was certainly guilty before the LORD."



Receive the solution: Forgiveness through Jesus Christ

Isaiah 53:10-11

"But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a **guilt offering**, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities."



Receive the solution: Forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Psalm 32:5

"I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and You forgave the guilt of my sin."



Receive the solution: Forgiveness through Jesus Christ

Hebrews 9:14

"how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"



Receive the solution: Forgiveness through Jesus Christ

Hebrews 10:19-22

"Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."



Receive the solution: Forgiveness through Jesus Christ

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



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Rely on the Spirit in order to live with a clear conscience

2 Corinthians 1:12

"For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you."



Rely on the Spirit in order to live with a clear conscience

Acts 24:16

"In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men."



Rely on the Spirit in order to live with a clear conscience

1 Peter 3:15-16

"but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame."



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1 Peter 5:7

"casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cars for you."

