

Mark 6:14-29

3 Lessons From The Impact Of
Biblical Truth In Our Lives



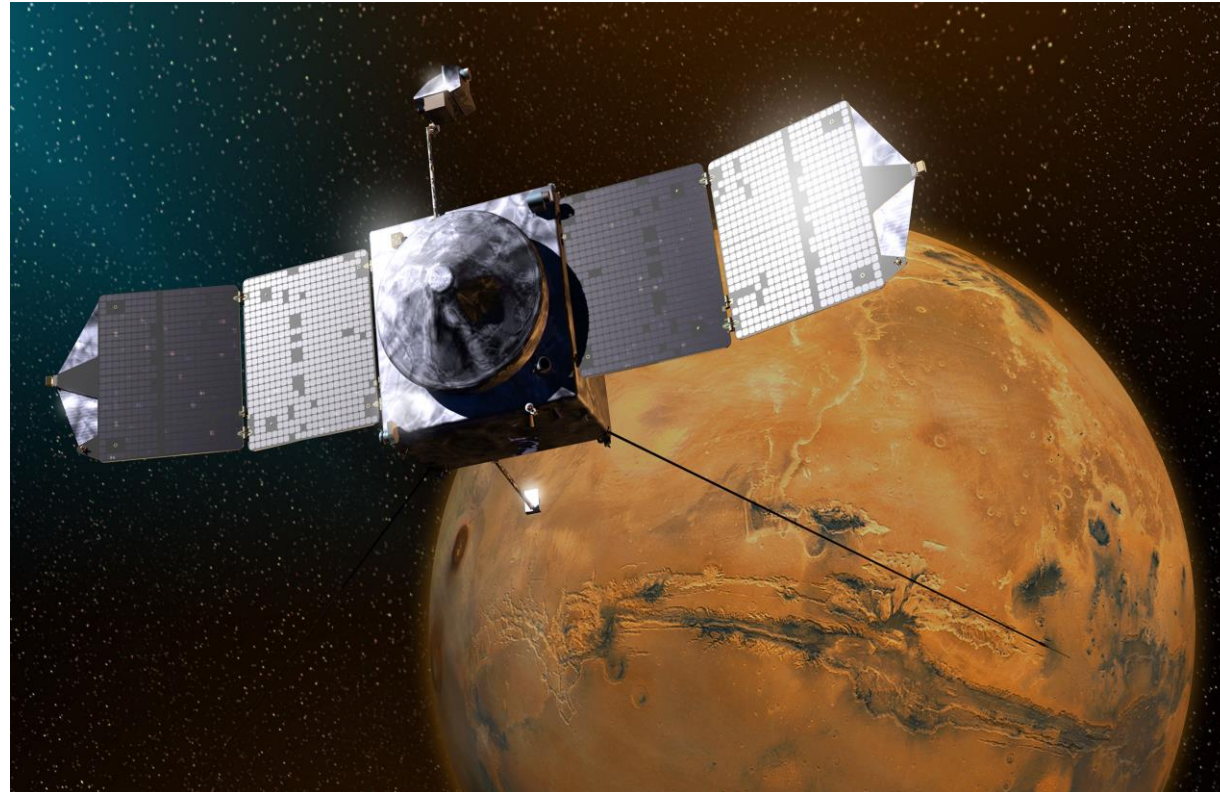
Background/Context

- Verses, insightful and unnerving; several key figures
- King Herod: this Herod Antipas, one of sons of Herod the Great (Herod the Great; encounter with Wise Men, ordered murder of all children 2 years and younger in Bethlehem) Antipas ruled Galilee and Perea
- Herodias: extremely evil, wife of Antipas; she granddaughter of Herod the Great: Antipas was her step uncle as well as husband (also married to Philip, another son of Herod and step uncle: left Philip to marry Antipas
- John Baptist: Prophet-like forerunner of Jesus; was His relative (cousin) and 6 months older; Malachi 3:1

It is Essential For A Stable Life

- (vv.14-16) Jesus/Disc serving many (Disciples sent out) lives changed and delivered
- "Name" of Jesus reaching all levels of Jewish society (Who He was is becoming more known at this time)
- When info about Jesus reaches Antipas, whole court thrown into chaotic frenzy; many beliefs but no answers
- Royal court paralyzed; Antipas sees Jesus and John reincarnated; others have opinions, but no direction
- Those who supposed to be leading and setting example, don't know what to think or do
- They had answers all the time in the Word of God, but didn't believe they had value; result was chaos and instability
- God's Word provides direction and wisdom

- John 17:17, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."
- 2 Tim. 3:7, "...always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."



Biblical Truth Defines Right And Wrong

- (vv.17-20) For civilization to exist, there must be standards
- John the Baptist received God's truth, believed it and lived it; he shared God's truth in midst of culture
- By revealing God's truth, evil, sin and wickedness were exposed; right and wrong were identified
- Despite Antipas' position, John spoke against his marriage to Herodias (clearly violated Lev. 18:16 & Lev. 20:21)
- The Word of God was determiner of right and wrong
- Antipas conflicted; Herodias violently angry; had attitude, no one was going to tell her how to live

- Ps. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”
- Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”



Biblical Truth Must Be Applied Due To The Consequences Of Rejecting It

- (vv.21-29) Verses, see depravity of human heart when there is no biblical truth
- Not enough for John to be in prison, Herodias wants to kill him; she plots insidious plan to destroy him
- Herodias takes advantage of the atmosphere of Antipas' birthday; feasting, drinking, dancing
- Salome goes into party and dances (apparently very seductively though she only 12 years old!)
- This provokes Antipas to grant her a request
- Due to mother, asks for John to be executed

- 3 John 1:4, "I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in truth."
- John 8:32, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
- Ps. 119:30, "I have chosen the way of truth; I have set Your ordinances before me."

