

Go Get in Trouble - Let's Go
Mark 6:14-29
6-20-21

Six Responses to The Good News:

I. Disinterested

43% of millennials (Ages 20-37) “don’t know, don’t care, don’t believe God exists”.
 - American Worldview Study 2021

Luke 18:1 – “Jesus said, ‘...continually pray and do not lose heart.’”

John 15:12 – “Jesus said...’love one another, as I have loved you.’”

Matthew 5:16 – “Jesus said, ‘Let your light shine...that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.’”

II. Bothered (Mark 6:14-16)

Mark 6:16 – “But when Herod heard of it, he said, ‘John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.’”

2 Corinthians 2:16 – “To those perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death...those being saved, we are a life-giving perfume...”

III. Anger (Mark 6:17-19, 21-29)

John The Baptist	Herod Antipas
A hair-coated prophet	A gorgeously robed ruler
Humble and simple	Flamboyant and ornate
Righteous	Ungodly
A prophet without price	A man who could be bought
Moral courage	Spineless coward
A clear conscience	A troubled conscience
A man of God’s Spirit	A man of the flesh
Maintained his integrity and lost his head	Forfeited his integrity and lost his soul

Mark 6:17-19 – “...Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her...John had been saying to Herod, ‘It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.’ ...Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death.”

James 4:2 – “You want what you don't have...you scheme and kill to get it...”

Proverbs 15:13 – “...heartache crushes the spirit.”

IV. Fear (Mark 6:20, 26)

Mark 6:20,26 – “for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe... And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her.”

V. Doubt (Mark 6:20b)

*Mark 6:20 – “...When he heard him, he was greatly **perplexed**, and yet he heard him gladly.”*

Perplexed – Paralyzed by indecision, pulled between two options, attracted and repulsed, doubting enough not to act.

VI. Faith (Mark 6:29)

Mark 6:29 – “When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.”

Matthew 3:11 – “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

John 3:30 – “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John 3:29 – “...The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.”

John 1:29 – “...Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Going Deeper This Week

1. Which is harder, dying for Jesus once or living radically sold out to Jesus day after day, year after year?
2. What is the most recent example you have heard of a martyr for Christ? What is the most recent example of persecution you heard of in your own town or country?
3. Why are we not in trouble more for our faith in Christ?
4. What reactions have you seen in today's world that could be characterized as hatred or fear of Christianity?
5. Why did Herod fear John, and why was he tormented after his death? (Psalm 34:8)
6. What unbiblical practices in your own country are popular, so that if you spoke out against them, you would be persecuted? When and how should you speak out? What might that look like? (Take time to discuss and pray with others)
7. How would you explain to a non-Christian why bad things happen to "good" people and good things happen to "bad" people?
8. Pray for "Who is Your One" and who to invite to our Outdoor Gathering next Sunday.