

## **Recap of 7/16/23 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 6:14-29):**

### **1. We learn in Mark 6:14-29:**

- a)** *True discipleship cost, it will bring us into conflict with our society.*
- b)** *The Death of John the Baptist did not silence Jesus' message. Mark uses what is known as a "sandwich construction to drive that point home. The death of John is sandwiched between the sending out and the return of the Apostles from their ministry trip. Mark is showing that the death of John could not stop the teaching of the Word.*
- c)** *The answer to unrighteousness in a nation is the gospel.*

**2.** *The contrast between Herod Antipas and John was palpable. Herod chose to live for pleasure, power, and material wealth. He died a lecherous, disgraced man in exile. He was ruled by his passions, the passion for power and the passion for the flesh. John chose to live for righteousness—for God's will. He died a hero with the respect of his friends and more importantly the approval of God. We must be disciplined, not at the mercy of our passions. We must learn to delay gratification.*

**3.** *"Questions about who Jesus is continuing to surround the stories about Him today. People still propose all kinds of explanations—a good teacher, a political revolutionary, a self-deceived cult leader. People prefer to believe that Jesus is a small-town upstart who died for His beliefs than the Son of God who conquered death for the whole world. Somehow, He doesn't quite fulfill their expectations for what God would be like.... Like the world, we want a Jesus whom we can control. However, we must constantly resubmit ourselves to Jesus' control. We must die to ourselves daily and follow Jesus where He leads. (The One-Year NLT Study Bible)*

**4.** *"Even devoted people like John the Baptist have periodic episodes of honest doubt. They want to believe, and as soon as they are reminded of the truth, their faith is restored. Don't be devastated if you have momentary lapses in your faith. As Frederick Buechner once noted, 'Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.'" Just remind yourself of the things that you know are true, and you'll be Ok. Even the most faithful believers struggle with doubt." (365 Life Lessons)*