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Title: **The Cost of Faithful Preaching**

Text: Mark 6:14-29

1. Reveals Guilty Consciences (14-17)

2. Rebukes Sin (18-20)

3. Invites Foolish Opposition (21-29)

Life Application Questions:

1. How does Herod's response to Jesus and John the Baptist reveal the power of a guilty conscience? How does Scripture describe the role of conscience (Consider Romans 2:14–16 and Psalm 32)? What is the difference between worldly guilt and godly conviction, and how should believers respond when God exposes sin in their lives?

2. What made John the Baptist's rebuke of Herod courageous? How can Christians speak truth boldly while still demonstrating humility and love? What dangers arise when churches or pastors avoid difficult truths? Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5. How does Paul's charge to preach the Word relate to John's example?

3. What specific pressures influenced Herod's sinful decision? In what ways are believers today tempted to compromise truth for approval or acceptance? Why does faithful obedience sometimes provoke hostility from the world? Read Matthew 5:10–12 and Galatians 1:10. What do these passages teach about suffering and the fear of man?