**“Who is This Man?” A Study through the Gospel of Mark**

**“Bad to the ~~Bone~~ Heart”**

**Mark 6: 14-29**

The story of John the Baptist’s death at the hands of Herod \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the coming death of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist was known as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man who spoke boldly about the need to repent from sin.

Although Herod was not Jewish, John the Baptist still spoke against him for breaking God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament. All people, like Herod, are guilty of breaking God’s commands in one way or another.

The Bible is not a group of individual stories or books that are unrelated. Rather, it has a main \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that can be traced through all of its books and genres.

The storyline of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lays out who God is; what He is like and how is at work to bring his people back to himself through the sending of Jesus Christ.

Mark interrupts the narrative of Jesus ministry in order to reinforce our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus, why He is the answer to problem, and why the disciples must go out and preach repentance and belief in Jesus.

The story of John the Baptist’s death is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the fallen world that has existed since Genesis 3.

All of the sin present in this story still exists in our world today and, if we are honest, it exists, in some form, in our own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Application

Mark places this account here to remind us that we are not good people who just need Jesus for a little ‘nudge’ into heaven. This story shows us rather, the state of all humanity and the condition of your own heart. This story shows us the ugliness of sin and the reality that we are all sinners who need forgiveness from sin and trust in God to bring us back to himself through the personal sacrifice of Jesus.

The good news of Mark and all of the Bible is that Jesus has come to do this and has accomplished it through the cross and his resurrection. For anyone who believes in Him and turns from their sin to trust and faith.

Your sin makes you deserving of God’s right judgement and wrath but Christ has come to take that wrath and sin!

How will you respond? Like Herod and Herodias? Or in faith and trust, seeing your need and believing in Christ to save you?

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