

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

Kingdom Expansion: John the Baptist's Death

Mark 6:14-29

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, Sovereign, LORD and King. You, you alone are to be feared. For you are the great King over all the earth. Who can stand before your judgments? Who can insist on his own authority and good? God alone is good, true and worthy of honor, glory and praise. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised. We confess our attempts to reign and rule our own lives according to our own desires, wants and ambitions. Lord, we confess these foolish pursuits for what they are. They are attempts to stand in a glory of our own making. They are foolish grasping for our own kingdom. LORD thank you for Jesus Christ. Thank you for His kingdom coming through His life and death. Thank you for granting us your Spirit that we might be able to rest in your great reign and rule, your good providence and ordering of our lives. We no longer have to be good enough. We no longer have to order and organize our lives to make them seem valuable and worthy in front of our peers. We can rest in Christ, His calling, His strength, His plan and His promises. Lord, help us by your Spirit this morning. As we receive you word preached and as we go into our lives this week, may we rest in your good providence and your strong authority even when it does not seem to make sense. When our agenda gets set aside or when our lives seem to be unraveling. May our hearts rest in Christ. May we call upon our Father in heaven and seek His kingdom and His righteousness first. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our King. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Herod's Fear (6:14-20)
2. Herod's Folly (6:21-29)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus' kingdom will confront our kingdoms.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to acknowledge Christ's kingdom confronts our kingdoms.