



THE KING'S AUTHORITY & WORLDLY OPPOSITION

HIS MESSENGERS

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PREACHING POINT: Standing firm against worldly opposition may cost us greatly in this life, but as Christ's representatives, we are expected to boldly call people to repentance, regardless of the consequences.

1. Be _____ (vv.3-4)

2. Give _____ (v.4)

3. Be _____ (vv.3,10)

Matthew 14:1-12 (ESV)

1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, 2 and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." 3 For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, 4 because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." 5 And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. 6 But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, 7 so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. 8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." 9 And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. 10 He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, 11 and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. 12 And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. Write down one observation or takeaway you found helpful from this week's sermon.

2. Read Acts 4:23-31. How does the disciples' boldness in the face of opposition help shape your view of Christian courage?

- a. In what specific situations are you being called to stand firm for Christ despite worldly pressure or resistance?

3. Read Colossians 4:5-6 and 1 Peter 3:13-17. What specific obstacles, such as fear, uncertainty, or pressure to conform, hinder you from offering clear biblical responses to sin or to those who openly oppose God?
4. Read Acts 5:40-42 and 2 Timothy 3:10-17. How does having a high view of God change the way you evaluate the risks and consequences associated with being His ambassador?
5. How can you proactively prepare for the inevitable consequences associated with being a courageous ambassador of Christ?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

May 4th

1 Kings 8-9 & Luke 23:39-56

May 5th

1 Kings 10-11 & Lk 24:1-35

May 6th

1 Kings 12-13 & Lk 24:36-53

May 7th

1 Kings 14-15 & John 1:1-28

May 8th

1 Kings 16-18 & John 1:29-51

May 9th

1 Kings 19-20 & John 2

May 10th

1 Kings 21-22 & John 3:1-21

May 11th

2 Kings 1-3 & John 3:22-36