

II. JUDGMENT & PUNISHMENT OF CONSCIENCE

He charges himself with murder—perhaps no one else dare charge him—  
His fears are 10 times worse then when dread of John's sermon peirced his heart.  
Haunted by Ghost of conscience.. he could see that charger containing Johns head.

Herod had contracted an unlawful marriage—  
John had rebuked him for it—Herod recognized his sin but was dominated by it.

Herod like every man living wrong knows he is perplexed—  
Herod had continued in sin contary to the light—

*Herod disobeyed C - violated C - cost him his joy -  
Harden - Hard voice of God - driven from garden,  
judas - knew punishment of conscience - Dispar.  
unforgiven sinners - unrepent -*

RESURRECTION OF CONSCIENCE

Mark 6: 15-29

*Wild Notions People had concerning Jesus -*  
Intro: 1. Last week we took up the first verses, men were saying Christ was Elijah.. *gr -*  
Herod said it is John The Baptist...  
*This last week of Gettysville, N.C. People were discussing the Coon on the log contest - talking to animals - sums to me it was tonight on the log. I don't know The Coon - While men argue over that we put men on the log of Honor + sum to have no conscience about it.*  
2. Story of John 's Death-----

v. 17- Mark proceeds to give the narrative of the death of John

v. 18- While his Brother was alive- Lev.18:16;20:21

v.19- Set herself- leterally had it in for Him... She kept her eye on him, she was hostile toward him, she never let up, desired to kill him.  
*instead Herod put John in prison*

v. 20.-Herod feared John and also Herodias. Herod knew him to be rig hteous  
She was another Jezebel towards John & with Herod

v.21- She had her plans all laid to spring upon her husband. She used him as her cats-paw.

Birth day- matt.14;16.

Banquet, nobles, cheif men of civil life, men impt. & promence - *slow brought wine -  
clown - singers -*

v.22- Toward the close of the banquet when all had partaken freely of wine, she came in to dance--

*Salome -*

Such dancing was almost unprecedented thing for women of rank or even respectability.

It was licentious & performed by professionals the group lounging on the divans were thrilled by

III. REWARDS OF CONSCIENCE

*nothing equal to "well-don" voice.*

*Joseph - paid price of conscience - prison, "But the lord was with Joseph"  
"Make friends with your conscience -  
Paul" have lived in all good conscience before God -"*

licitious dance of the half naked princess. Finished in front  
of Herod with outstretched jeweled arms - Herod leaned over -

v.23- Public promise..  
Same oath made to Esther 5:3ff  
Though she would ask for some gold carriage, a chair

v.24 Fact she went to her mother proves she had been told  
before hand what to ask- Mattl4:8  
The girl was no doubt thinking of something for herself.  
No matter what you want -

v.25- before the King was out from under his mood---

v.26- Caught between conscience & environment---  
Like many since his day stifle their conscience when  
in wrong environment.  
Herod shook in his hand - anything else -

v.27- Body guard--- in presence of all....  
Down into dungeon - lonely John - iron key opened  
door - John thought Herod is sending for me to preach again  
What text shall I use -  
There it is John's head on silver charger -

v.28- Mourningful time for disciples of John- Mattl4:12  
What else could they do...?

Our Text- v.16) John raised from the dead... resurrection  
of the conscience of Herod.. Having been removed to another world  
he is come again with greater power & now mighty works.  
Background thoughts to remember:

1. Herod's veneration of John- v20.

A. Feared John knowing that he was a just man.  
he knew him by personal acquaintance with him.  
Respected Him.

B. Observed many thing John preach on-  
Some duties he undertook---some sins he left off.  
heard him with pleasure, or gladly.

2. John's faithfulness in telling Herod his faults. v.17

No doubt the whole country ashamed of Herod.  
John told him plainly-reproved him-it is unlawful---  
Did not spare him though he was King---though it was dangerous  
to offend Herod, John was faithful

Ministers of God should not be afraid of the face of man---  
Herod's wife would have killed John-- like many she liked smooth  
smooth preaching, if it kept away from her sin, but if touch  
could not bear it.

No marvel the world hates those who testify of its evil---

Better that sinner persecute ministers now for their  
faithfulness then curse them in eternity for unfaithfulness.

I. CONSCIENCE SPEAKS

a guilty conscience needs no accuser- Awakened C -

Those who fight against God find themselves baffled-even though  
they think they have conquered... The sinner that escapeth the  
sword of Jehue shall Elisha slay...

Sardan - Conscience flashed a warning light -  
Joseph - Conscience faithful in warning - Potiphar wife -  
Pilate - Conscience said "This is an innocent man"  
Tragedy due to disregard of conscience - how much  
misery lifted if Conscience obeyed.

Andrian - "I know what my conscience is. It is a little three cornered  
thing in here" he laid his hand on his heart. "That stands still  
when I'm good; but when I am bad it turns around, & the  
corners hurt very much. But if I keep on doing wrong, they  
and by the corners wear off & it doesn't hurt any more"