



The Problem...

- Herod believed that Jesus was John the Baptist risen from the dead, and that notion scared him, because Herod was the one that had John killed.

I. Seeking Pleasure in the Wrong Place

- Herod was willing to divorce his wife because he was lusting after a woman who was both his sister-in-law and niece!

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- "Stolen water is sweet; And bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he does not know that the dead are there, That her guests are in the depths of Sheol."

– Proverbs 9:17-18

I. Seeking Pleasure in the Wrong Place

- Seeking pleasure is good, just don't be so easily pleased. Don't satisfy yourself on temporal sinful things that will only ensnare you in the end. Be satisfied in the Lord.

II. Negotiating Through Sin?

- Herod knew John was right. He knew John was a holy and righteous man.
- Sin is not something you can negotiate. Scripture tells us we can commit sin, we can repent of sin, we can be caught in sin, we can rebuke sin, we can be entangled in sin, but one thing the Scripture never tells us we can do is negotiate sin.

III. Flirting With Truth

- It's a terrible thing to know God's truths but choose to ignore them.

IV. Boasting in the Flesh

- Herod really didn't have a kingdom to give.
- Herod is saying that he would do anything for her. He was so caught up in sin that he was just boasting in the flesh.

V. Trapped in Sin!

- Herod ordered the execution of the man about whom Jesus said “Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist.”

VI. Haunted By Sin

- “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?”
– Mark 8:36
- Herod died a hopelessly lost soul who went down in infamy as a wicked, spineless adulterer and murderer.

Jesus said “these things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.” – John 15:11