

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: The Unfortunate Outcome of John the Baptist

Week 3: A Costly End and a Kingdom Perspective

Mark 6:14-29.

Tension: If God is sovereign, & if God is good, why does one of the most faithful men in all of Scripture die this way?

John gives us a kingdom perspective that refuses to measure God's faithfulness by the length of our ministry, & insists that the world may silence God's servants, but it cannot stop God's kingdom.

Mark 6:16. *Herod can't escape the memory of the man he killed.*

Mark 6:20a.

Conviction without conversion is one of the most dangerous spiritual conditions a human soul can inhabit.

Mark 6:22b–23.

Mark 6:24b.

Herodias is not just seeking vengeance—she is staging contempt.

Herod didn't want to kill John.

Mark 6:26.

That is the compromised life—sorrow without repentance, feeling without action, regret without reversal.

Mark 6:29

God does not forget the death of His servants.

Matthew 14:13a.

Jesus withdrew to be alone with His Father, & He grieved.

Grief and faith are not opposites.

Grief is the cost of caring about someone or something.

John's death does not pause the kingdom. It accelerates it.

Faithfulness does not guarantee earthly protection—it guarantees eternal significance.

God's justice may be delayed, but it is never denied.

Romans 12:19.

The kingdom of God is not advanced by power, popularity, or political protection.

The world may silence God's servants, but it cannot stop God's kingdom.

- *Are you living with the assumption that faithfulness to God will protect you from suffering? Faithfulness is not a shield against hardship—it is a compass through it.*
- *Is there a "Herod moment" happening in your life right now? Who are the people in the room whose approval you fear more than God's?*
- *What would it look like to live with such kingdom perspective that earthly outcomes—success, failure, suffering, even death—are not the final measure of your faithfulness?*