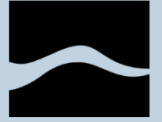


# SERMON NOTES

## TELL ME ABOUT HIS COSTLY KINGDOM

**Mark 6:14-29**



BIG IDEA: Jesus is a King you can't ignore, but his kingdom advances through rejection and suffering, showing that following him will always come at a cost.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

AUGUST 31, 2025

## DISCUSS

Share about a time when your conscience kept you awake at night. Why does guilt have such staying power?

Why do you think Herod and the people were so confused about Jesus' identity (vv. 14–16)?

What does John's fearless confrontation of Herod (vv. 17–18) teach us about the prophetic role of God's messengers?

How is Herod and Herodias' rejection of John like Ahab and Jezebel's rejection of Elijah (1 Kings 18–19)?

What does John's death foreshadow about Jesus' mission and the cost of following him (vv. 26–29)?

## APPLY

In what ways does our culture still try to dismiss or misinterpret Jesus today?

Where might you be tempted to act like Herod—intrigued by God's Word, but unwilling to repent?

Have you ever experienced rejection from family, friends, or others because of your faith? How did you respond?

How does John's death—and especially Jesus' death and resurrection—encourage you to remain faithful even when it costs something?

## COMMIT

This week, identify one specific area where following Jesus might bring pushback (workplace, family, friendships). Pray for courage to be faithful, even if it costs you.