

RADICALLY RIGHT

Mark 6:17-29

**John the Baptist is radically right demonstrating
godly courage and biblical confrontation.**

I. THE ACTIONS OF THE RADICALLY RIGHT (17-18)

A. PARTICULAR CONFRONTATION

1. The Announcement

- It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife

2. The Announcer

- One who knows the Word and publically calls out another who is violating God's Law.

3. The Assessment

a. They committed adultery - Luke 16:18 and Rom. 7:2-3

b. They committed incest - Lev. 18:16 and 20:21

B. DIRECT CONFRONTATION

- John spoke to Herod in person

C. REPEATED CONFRONTATION

- John was continually saying

D. CUMULATIVE CONFRONTATION - See Luke 3:19 -20

- John continually reprimanded Herod because of all the wicked things he had done

II. SOME ADVICE FOR THE RADICALLY RIGHT (19-20)

A. BE WILLING TO MAKE PEOPLE MAD (19)

- Herodias is hostile yet helpless

B. BE READY TO BE INVESTIGATED (20a)

- The character of the confronter matters!

C. BE PREPARED FOR LESS-THAN-PERFECT OUTCOMES (20b)

- John is protected ... but imprisoned.

D. BE EXCITED TO MAKE PEOPLE THINK (20c)

1. Herod is perplexed when he hears John

- He is vacillating about what to make of John's statements ... maybe he's right!

2. Yet, Herod enjoys listening to John

- This gives him food for thought

3. Application: Your success is not dependent upon getting people to agree with you, but rather on getting them to think things through.

III. THE AFFECT OF THE RADICALLY RIGHT (21-29)

A. HERODIAS' REVENGE (21-28)

- The opportunity of a strategic day (v. 21)
- 1. A Birthday Celebration (21)
- 2. Salome's Gratification (22a)
 - Her dance is pleasing to Herod and his guests
- 3. Herod's Exclamation (22b-23)
 - An impulsive and foolish offer
- 4. Herodias' Vindication (24-28)
 - She gets John's severed head on a platter

B. HEROD'S REGRETS (26-28, 14-16)

- 1. Grief (26-28)
 - a. Capitulating to foolish pride
 - b. Killing an innocent man
 - c. Cornered by his wife's cunning maneuvers
- 2. Guilt (14-16)
 - a. Conditions (14)
 - Christ's miraculous powers are drawing the attention of many
 - b. Conclusion (15-16)
 - "His is the answer of a morbid, feverish imagination, influenced by a guilty conscience." [William Hendriksen]
 - His paranoia indicates that he expects something stunning that may ultimately lead to his demise.

C. DISCIPLES RESPECT (29)

- 1. They provide a decent burial for John's corpse
- 2. Though defied by the queen and killed by the king, John is honored by those who knew him best.

CONCLUSION:

John died for what he dared to declare. We should expect no less. – II Tim. 3:12

Are we ready to be radically right?

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