

## Out of the Heart

Matthew 14:1-12

**Central Truth:** What we believe about Jesus is revealed by how we respond to Him and His Word.

### 1) John: The Sacrificial End of a Righteous Life

- a) A heart ruled by the fear of God
- b) Repeatedly standing on biblical convictions  
(2 Cor 4:17)

### 2) Herod: The Destructive Power of a Weak Will

- a) A heart ruled by the fear of man
- b) Repeatedly ignoring his conscience  
(1 Tim 1:18c-19)

### 3) Herodias: The Ruthless Influence of a Hard Heart

- a) A heart ruled by a bitter root
- b) Repeatedly silencing condemnation  
(John 3:19)

### 4) Salome: A Willing Pawn in a Wrong Relationship

- a) A heart ruled by others
- b) Repeatedly capitulating to culture  
(James 1:22)