



PASTOR BOB
September 8th, 2019



“SIN: SYMPTOMS, PROBLEM, and CURE”
The Death of John the Baptizer
MARK 6:14-29

- ECCLESIASTES 7:20; JOHN 3:19-21
- *Symptom and Problem*
- *The Herods*

The Cure for Sin...

1. **JESUS** _____ *the* **PROBLEM** vs. 14, 15; JOHN 7:7

- ROMANS 6:23; NUMBERS 32:23

The Cure for Sin...

2. **HEROD** _____ *the* **PROBLEM** vs. 16; 2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

The Cure for Sin...

3. **REPENTANCE** _____ *the* **PROBLEM** MARK 1:4; 6:12; ACTS 2:38; 5:31; JOHN 3:16-18

The problem IS NOT God wanting to _____.

The problem IS mankind's too _____ to repent.

Repentance...

- **REQUIRES** _____ LUKE 18:9-14
- **OBEYS** _____ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16
- **SEEKS** _____ COLOSSIANS 1:28
- *The Maturity of Forgiveness* MATTHEW 18:21-35; PSALM 103:12-14

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on the sinfulness of Herod Antipas and his family. Was there anything helpful, alarming, or questionable?
2. What is sin? What is the difference between “*surface symptoms*” pertaining to sin and “*core problems*” that cause sin? Can a *symptom* also be a sin?
3. How easy is it to condemn the *symptoms* of sin and ignore the *core problems* causing sin? What happens when we focus on the *symptoms* and not the *problems*?
4. What does repentance mean to you? How does this help in overcoming the destructive life of sin?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read Revelation 20:4.** Reflecting on Sunday’s story about Herod, Herodias, Salome, and John, who comes out better off in the long run?
- **Read James 1:13-15.** What is the core problem that causes sin? How does sin “grow”? How does it always end?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 7:10, 11.** What is the difference between Godly sorrow and worldly sorrow? What happens when we repent as God wants us to repent?
- **Read John 8:31-36.** How do the teachings of Jesus and being “*sons*” in His family free us from the slavery of sin?
- **Read Hebrews 12:1.** The sin that so “*easily entangles*” us can be described as a “*custom fitted*” sin that is different for each of us. Without verbally sharing, (*this is just for your benefit*), is that sin a *symptom* of a deeper *problem*, or *need*? What might that *problem/need* be? Are you willing to ask and depend on God to provide that need?

LIVING OUT

- **How can you better use God’s word and relate to Him as a son to improve your freedom from sin?**