

Jesus

# Who is This Guy?

Learn about Him  
to Live like Him



JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

**King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."**

Mark 6: 14 NIV



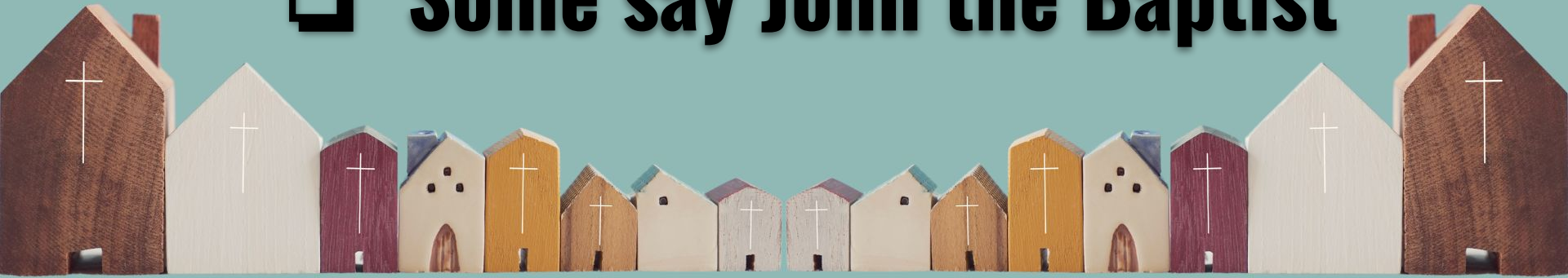
**Others said, “He is Elijah.” And still others claimed, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.” But when Herod heard this, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!”**

Mark 6: 15-16 NIV



# Herod Hears

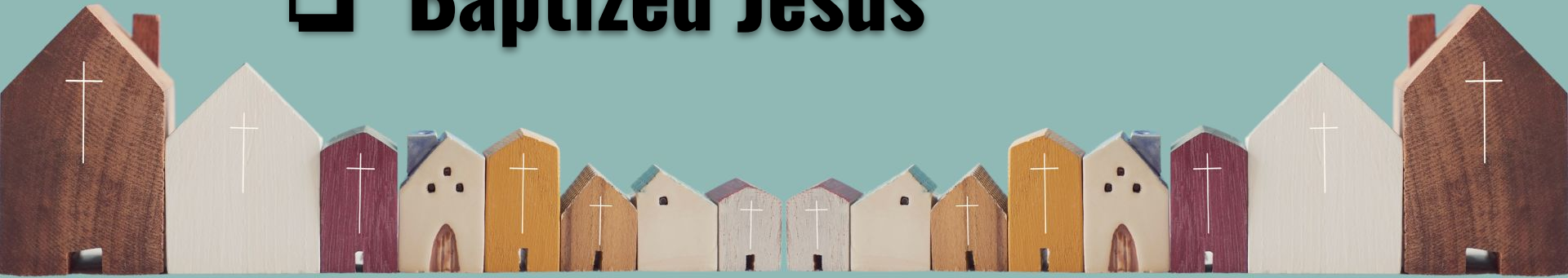
- ❑ **Aware of Jesus and what's happening**
- ❑ **Herod is a “tetrarch”**
- ❑ **Not totally sure who Jesus is**
- ❑ **Some say John the Baptist**





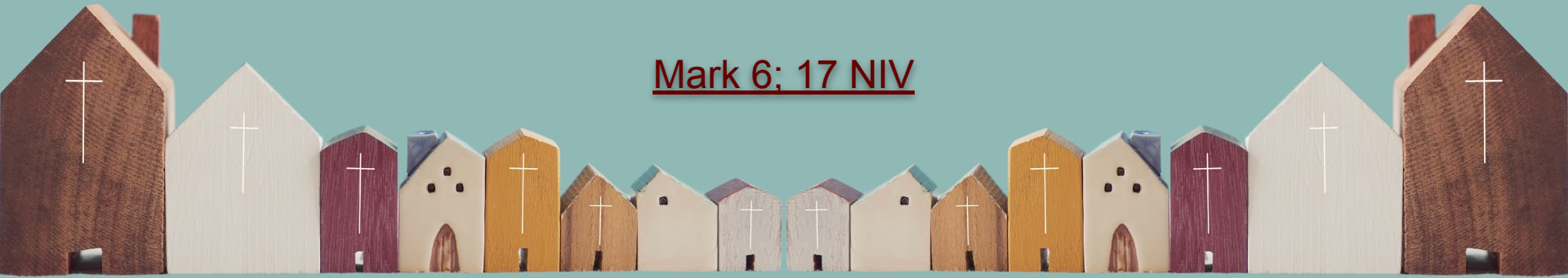
# John The Baptist

- ❑ Prepared the way for Jesus
- ❑ Came in the wilderness and preached repentance and forgiveness of sins
- ❑ Baptized Jesus



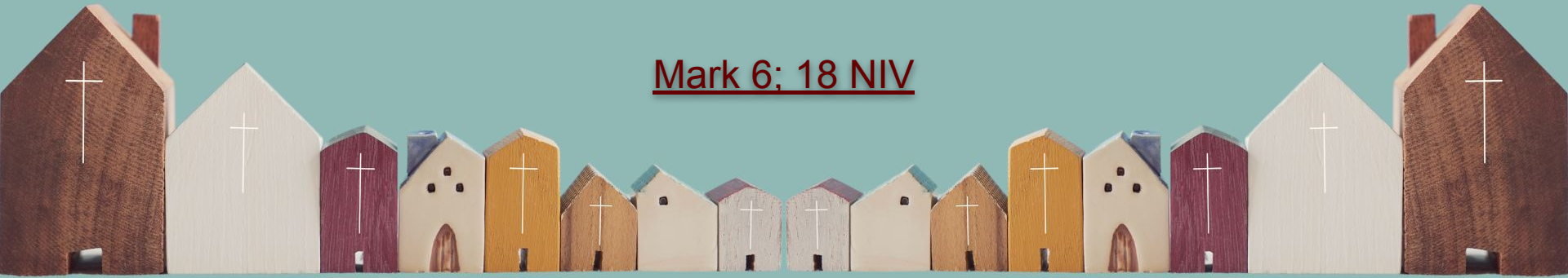
**For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married**

Mark 6: 17 NIV



**For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”**

Mark 6: 18 NIV



**So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled yet he liked to listen to him.**

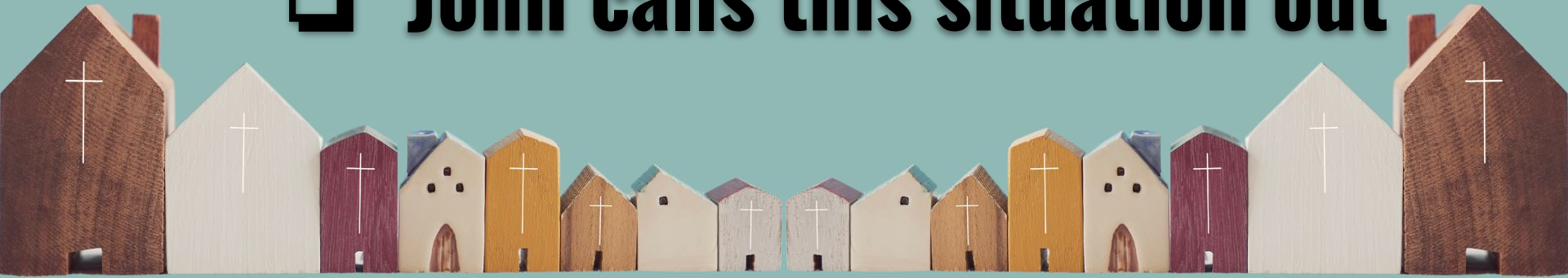
Mark 6; 19-20 NIV





# John, Herod, and Herodias

- ❑ Herodias was married to Herod's brother
- ❑ Herod divorced his wife to take Herodias as a wife
- ❑ John calls this situation out



# John, Herod, and Herodias

- ❑ Herodias wants John killed
- ❑ Herod doesn't want to kill John
- ❑ Herod has John arrested instead



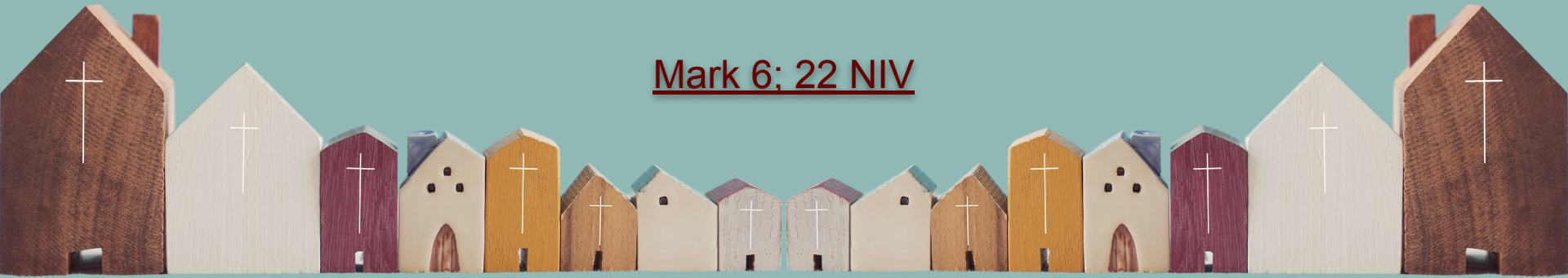
**Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee**

Mark 6; 21 NIV



**When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, “Ask me for anything you want, and I’ll give it to you.”**

Mark 6; 22 NIV





**And he promised her with an oath,  
“Whatever you ask I will give you, up to  
half my kingdom.” She went out and said  
to her mother, “What shall I ask  
for?” “The head of John the Baptist,” she  
answered.**

Mark 6; 23-24 NIV



**At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: “I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter.**

Mark 6; 25 NIV



**The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her.**

Mark 6: 26 NIV



**So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother.**

Mark 6; 27-28 NIV





**On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.**

Mark 6: 29 NIV



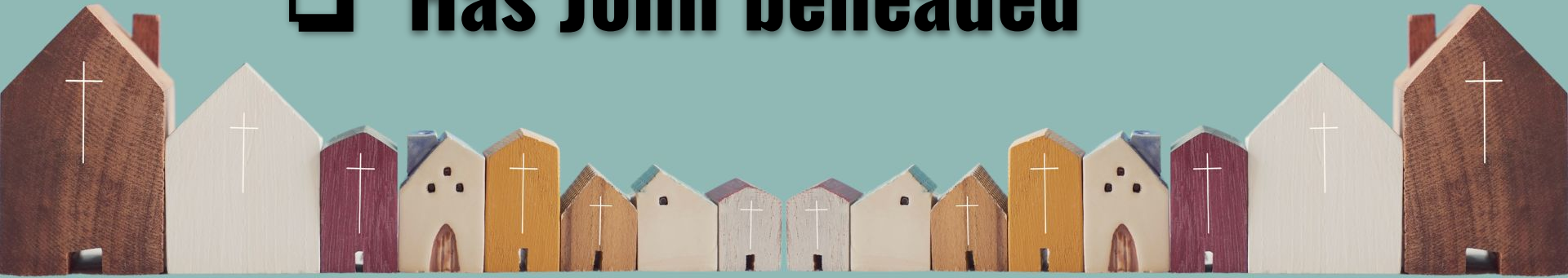
# The Banquet

- ❑ Herod has a banquet with the who's who of the area
- ❑ A dance is to be performed by Salome - Herodias' daughter
- ❑ Herod offers Salome anything after the dance



# The Banquet

- ❑ **Salome asks for John's head at her mother's request**
- ❑ **Herod is between a rock and a hard place**
- ❑ **Has John beheaded**



# Why This Story Here And Now?

- ❑ **Some say the big idea is the foreshadowing of Jesus' death**
- ❑ **Shows the contrast between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom Herod is building**





# Punchline

**The Kingdom of God stands over and above  
the Kingdom of the earth, we just have to  
be willing to stand with it**



**POWER  
INFLUENCE  
AUTHORITY**

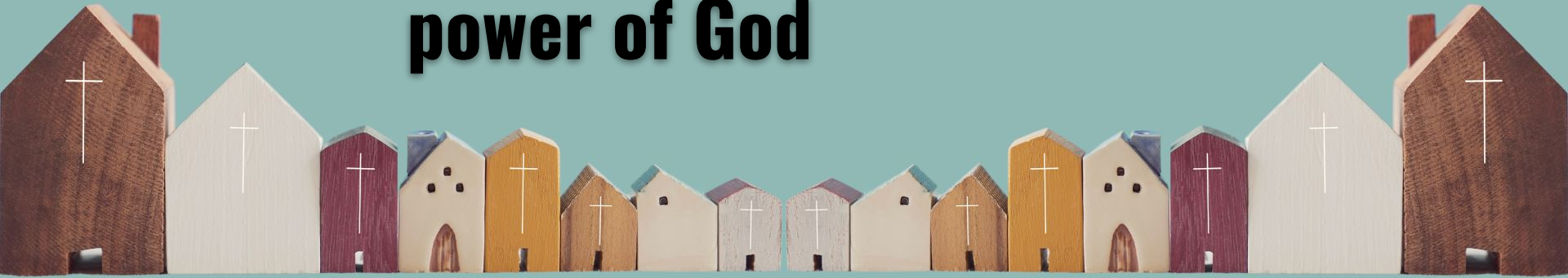
# Earthly Kingdom Influence

- ❑ **Self-attained and self-serving**
- ❑ **Might be charismatic or fun to listen to**
- ❑ **It all comes back to the leader and is about them**



# Kingdom of God Influence

- ❑ **God's influence and authority comes from creating everything**
- ❑ **He has power that cannot be overtaken**
- ❑ **Nothing is more influential than the power of God**





**FOLLOWING**

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**SOCIAL  
MEDIA**



# Earthly Kingdom Followers

- ❑ **Some feel forced or coerced**
- ❑ **Some are given great promises**
- ❑ **Blindly devoted followers**
- ❑ **Followers that lack foundation**



# Kingdom of God Followers

- ❑ **Invited to be followers of Jesus**
- ❑ **Have a foundation that cannot be shaken or knocked down**
- ❑ **Followers of a leader who never leaves, gets bored, or changes**





HEALTHY WELLBEING MEDICAL MAINTENANCE LIFESTYLE ATHLETE ACTIVITY MOTION ENVIRONMENT HAPPINESS TRAINING DIET MIND FITNESS RELAXATION GYM MAINTENANCE MENTAL SELF-CARE FIT HAPPY INFORMATION HEALTHY CARE SCIENCE WELLNESS ENJOYMENT CHEERFUL MUSCLE

# LIFESTYLE



ENJOYMENT HEALTHY FIT ATHLETE PHYSICAL MENTAL ENERGY MEDICAL SCIENCE LIFESTYLE SPORT NUTRITION HYGIENE MEDICINE CARE HEALTHCARE MOTION FITNESS RELAXATION HYGIENE HAPPY



# Earthly Kingdom Lifestyle

- ❑ You do you - if it feels good do it
- ❑ Might also be incredibly strict
- ❑ Both are completely internal and about us



# Kingdom of God Lifestyle

- ❑ Looks inside and outside
- ❑ Psalm 139
  - ❑ God looks inside and reveals what's inside of us to us



# Kingdom of God Lifestyle

- ❑ Sees and responds
- ❑ Forgives and offers grace
- ❑ A lifestyle that is **FOR** something



# Earthly Kingdom Reign

- ❑ **Very temporary**
- ❑ **Social media influencers**
  - ❑ **Go away quicker than they pop up**
- ❑ **Political figures**
  - ❑ **Voted out or lose authority**





# Kingdom of God Reign

- ❑ True staying power
- ❑ A promise, a hope, a future, that's all unwavering
- ❑ Stay focused on God because His reign isn't going anywhere



# Kingdom of God

- ❑ **Power/authority/influence - The best kind**
- ❑ **Followers - we're invited**
- ❑ **Lifestyle - live FOR Jesus**
- ❑ **Reign - it's eternal**

