

Sermon Outline: “Senseless Acts Amid God’s Sovereign Hand!”

Matthew 14:1-12

26/04/20

Book of Martyrs

A martyr – John the Baptist

The reach of the gospel

An unbiblical relationship

The pull of emotionalism

The unwise use of words

A senseless end to a faithful life

To ponder over a cuppa with a friend:

Summarise these verses in one sentence?

What laws was Herod breaking?

John’s death is not a senseless act? Explain!

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1. Summarise these verses in one sentence.
2. What do we know of Herod?
3. What is a “tetrarch”?
4. Who is Herodius?
5. What laws was Herod breaking?
6. Why is Herod expected to keep the Law? What is a modern-day equivalent of such a situation?
7. Who did Herod mistake Jesus for and why?
8. Why was John arrested and facing the death penalty?
9. Why hadn’t Herod put John to death? Is Herod playing popular politics? Explain!
10. What warning is given concerning allowing emotions to rule?
11. What warning do these verses give concerning the tongue and the making of promises?
12. Why can we say that John’s death is not a senseless act? Why is Jesus’ death not a senseless act? Consider recent tragedies. Are they senseless random acts or what?