



SHE PLEASED HEROD AND HIS GUESTS
MARK 6:19-29

Parallels between John and Elijah

Herod → Ahab	Herodias → Jezebel	John → Elijah
Descended from a line of wicked rulers	Deep hatred/resentment for the man of God	Strange manner of dress
Father was known as the most wicked and violent ruler to date	Reputation for open sinfulness	Close association with the wilderness
Married to a wicked and strong-willed wife who is the one really in charge	A foreigner who rules God's people via marriage	Bold and brave declarations of the sinfulness of the ruler
Listens to the man of God	Known for manipulation of husband/ruler	Suffered a momentary loss of faith following a great spiritual triumph
Fears the man of God	Life ended in disgrace	Received direct encouragement from the Second Person of the Trinity

Parallels between Jesus and John

John the Baptizer	Jesus of Nazareth
Supernatural conception	Supernatural conception
Consecrated from the womb	Consecrated from the womb
Preached message of repentance	Preached message of repentance
Bold declarations of the <i>sinfulness</i> of the religious elite	Bold declarations of the <i>hypocrisy</i> of the religious elite
Tremendous response to his <i>preaching</i> and <i>baptism</i>	Tremendous response to His <i>teaching</i> and <i>mighty works</i>
Feared by the <i>Tetrarch</i> who executed him	Feared by the <i>Roman governor</i> who executed Him
Executed as the result of a manipulative <i>wife</i>	Executed as the result of manipulative <i>religious leaders</i>
Executed in a humiliating manner	Executed in a humiliating manner
After death, body retrieved and buried by disciples at their own risk	After death, body retrieved and buried by disciples at their own risk

The opportunity for sin;

LUKE 4:13

¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

GENESIS 4:7

⁷ "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, *sin is crouching at the door...*"

EPHESIANS 4:27

²⁷ ...and give no opportunity to the devil.

1 PETER 5:8

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil *prowls* around like a roaring lion, *seeking someone to devour*.

Foolish vows;

LEVITICUS 5:4–6

⁴ ..if anyone utters with his lips *a rash oath to do evil or to do good*, any sort of rash oath that people swear, and it is hidden from him, *when he comes to know it, and he realizes his guilt in any of these*; ⁵ *when he realizes his guilt in any of these and confesses the sin he has committed*, ⁶ he shall bring to the LORD as his compensation for the sin that he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin.

JOSHUA 9:14–16

¹⁴ So the men took some of their provisions, but *did not ask counsel from the LORD*. ¹⁵ And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them. ¹⁶ At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them.

JUDGES 11:30–31

³⁰ And Jephthah *made a vow to the LORD* and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, ³¹ then whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites shall be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering."

GENESIS 27:23

²³ And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. *So he blessed him*.

MATTHEW 5:37

³⁷ Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; *anything more than this comes from evil*.

The oath that requires sin;

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, *but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape*, that you may be able to endure it.

The great disparity between earthly and spiritual values;

MATTHEW 11:11

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen *no one greater than John the Baptist...*

The powerful influence of a parent;

The fear of man;

PROVERBS 29:25

²⁵ The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

The progressive and consuming nature of sin;

JAMES 1:14–15

¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

The power to obey;

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

¹⁰ For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, *whereas worldly grief produces death.*

ROMANS 8:13

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if *by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body*, you will live.

John's door;

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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