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"JOHN THE BAPTIST"

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A MAN BORN TO DIE !!!!!

INT: Matt. 5:17-18* Study: person helped fulfill text. All information about him in 10 N. T. chapters. MISSION: Born to serve and die! (Some shorter lines.) LESSON: The FOUR ROLES of John the Baptist.

1. ROLE I A HEAVEN-SENT SON TO ZACH. & ELIZABETH.
A. John was wanted! Prayed for! Luke 1:5-17.*
B. Leader of men. v. 16. Matt. 3:3.*
C. Life, one of specific purpose. V. 15. Lk. 7:28.
E. John brought great joy to parents. v. 14. 3:5-6

II. ROLE II A HEAVEN-HONORED PROPHET SENT TO ISRAEL.
A. John's popularity aroused Herod's interest. M3:5
B. Herod's spies reported unusual things:
   1. PEOPLE: Share! Lk. 3:10-11.*
      (Good! Save on the welfare funds.)
   2. PUBLICANS: Be honest! 3:12-13.*
      (Good! Save time in law suits and appeals.)
      (Good! Cut down desertions & court marshals)
   4. PHARISEES & SADDUCEES: Vipers! Matt. 3:7-10
      (Good! Need trimming down--put in place.)
C. HEROD ALL FOR JOHN THE BAPTIST = TO THIS POINT

III. ROLE III A HEAVEN-BACKED FRIEND TO HEROD.
A. Friend defined:
   One who knows all about you and still loves you
   One who will tell you the truth regardless....
B. John pointed out Herod's illegal marriage.
   Mark 6:18. Not lawful. Lk. 3:19. all the evil
POINT: God's Law on Marriage is BINDING on saint
   and sinner alike--from beginning. Else why is
Herod, a reprobate, guilty of anything??????
   Fuqua idea: Not subject until after obey Gospel
   therefore divorces & remarriages don't count.
   Ill. Pasadena elders sensitive. (J. R. McDonald
   divorced and remarried---at will.)
   STATEMENT: God's law on MARRIAGE was binding on
   Adam and Eve and every human being since!!!!!!
C. Herod has some righteous impulses:
   2. Heard him GLADLY and DID many things. 6:20.
      (Kind to John, helpful-soliticious!)
   BUT.....he did not turn from his sins!!!!!
IV. ROLE IV  A HEAVEN-CLAIMED SACRIFICE.

A. John knew played supporting role. J:1-29-37
B. Knew his days were numbered. J. 3:30. If John HAD started Baptist church it would have disappeared. Decrease!
C. John could have extended his life had he preached LESS SPECIFICALLY. Got problems-
D. Would have kept his HEAD, but lost SOUL. Note: Truth, godliness and honesty were more important to John than life!

EPITOME OF JOHN BAPTIST'S LIFE: Men of character do not shun the truth, retreat from righteousness nor compromise with sin.


Some don't like to PUBLICALLY identify. How else "obey the elders—overseeing the flock"?

How else let elders know want to be a part of this family--work here!
Study of a N. T. character. All info. in 10 chapters.
Who is it? Clue: Played 4 major roles. JOHN BAPTIST!!

I. ROLE I. A HEAVEN-SENT SON TO ZACH. & ELIZABETH.
A. John was wanted and prayed for. Lk. 1:5-17.

II. ROLE II. A HEAVEN-HONORED PROPHET SENT TO ISRAEL.
A. John's popularity aroused King Herod's intense interest. Matt. 3:3. A NEW king!!!
B. What Herod heard when he spied on John the Baptist.
      Good!! This will save county funds! Good!
      Good!! Save me investigations, enforcement.
   3. Soldiers: Calm down, be honest, quit striking for higher wages. Vs. 14
      Good! My report on peace be better.
      Good! Needed trimming down. Very fine!!

III. ROLE III. A HEAVEN-BACKED FRIEND SENT TO HEROD.
A. Exposed Herod's adultery etc. Mk. 6:18. Lk. 3:19.
B. Herod came close to becoming a Christian. Mk. 6:19-20.
   1. Knew John was just and holy. V. 20. Admired him.
   3. Did many things! V. 20. (Cut cursing, stopped open gambling, controlled drinking etc. etc.)

IV. ROLE IV. A HEAVEN-CLAIMED SACRIFICE TO GOD.
A. John could have lived to ripe old age, IF had left royalty alone and preached to poor and helpless.
B. John could have lived to enjoy his old-age pension if had kept preaching general. But "adultery!!"
C. John could have kept his HEAD, but lost his SOUL.
   Instead, Herodias got his head, but God got his heart & soul.

INV:
Who has your heart tonight! God or Herod? If God doesn't have it, Christ invites you to give it to him right now.