

SERMON SERIES: MARKED
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Key Line

“Marked by the right question.”

Introduction

These past few weeks we have been going through our *Marked* series. Last week we talked about how God always is faithful to His promises. This week, we are continuing our series by talking about how asking questions can lead us to Christ. We are focusing on what we can do when life is difficult and what Jesus has to say about our situations.

- What is your favorite question to ask when getting to know someone? (Favorite band, least favorite food, pet peeves, etc.)
- Example: If you could travel anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?

Seek the Word

Read Mark 6:14-29.

- Why did Herod have John the Baptist killed?
- What do verses 19-20 tell us about who John the Baptist was?

Read Luke 7:18-22.

- In verses 18-19, why does John ask the disciples to talk to Jesus?
- How does Jesus answer their question in verse 22?
- What does this passage tell us about who Jesus is?

Go Deeper

Our passage this week talks about the Herod family. The Herod family was very large and can be confusing at times. To go deeper this week, create a small family tree to help you stay on track with who is who in the Herod family. Using a concordance, the Blue Letter Bible app, or the Logos Bible app may be helpful.

Talk About It

- What have you *seen* or *heard* about Jesus? How would you explain who Jesus is?
- When was the last time you reflected on Jesus and his work in your life?
- What makes it difficult to lean into Jesus in hard times?
- Who in your life do you know that has not seen or heard Jesus? How can you share Jesus with them?

Wrap Up

Reminder: When life is difficult, lean into who Jesus is and what He has done.

Challenge: Take a sticky note, note card, or piece of paper and write out some different attributes or names for Jesus. Examples are loving, Prince of Peace, Savior, merciful, etc. Place this somewhere you will see often like the bathroom mirror or refrigerator. This week, when you

are in a difficult situation, either look at or remember what you wrote down. Say a prayer asking Jesus to help you lean in to who he is and what he has done for you.