

JOHN, WHOM I BEHEADED, HAS BEEN RAISED MARK 6:14-18

The predicted return of Elijah;

MALACHI 4:5

⁵ "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

The tyrant dies and his rule ends, the martyr dies and his rule begins.

—Søren Kierkegaard

People will believe anything about the identity of Christ except the identity He plainly stated and evidenced with mighty works and teaching.

A guilty and tormented conscience of Herod;

NUMBERS 32:23

²³ But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.

LUKE 12:2 (See also Luke 8:17)

² Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

ECCLESIASTES 12:14

¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

PSALM 19:12

¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

There is no anguished conscience like the conscience that has been awakened by the truth, yet rejects the truth.

The moral and ethical inconsistency of Herod;

PROVERBS 21:8

⁸ The way of the guilty is crooked, but the conduct of the pure is upright.

PROVERBS 11:3

³ The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

PROVERBS 11:5

⁵ The righteousness of the blameless keeps his way straight, but the wicked falls by his own wickedness.

The tormented conscience of Saul:

1 SAMUEL 18:11, 13

¹¹ And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice...¹³ So Saul removed him from his presence and *made him a commander of a thousand*. And he went out and came in before the people.

1 SAMUEL 19:6, 9-10

⁶ And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death"...⁹ Then a harmful spirit from the LORD came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing the lyre. ¹⁰ And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.

1 SAMUEL 24:18-20, 28:10

¹⁸ And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the LORD put me into your hands. ¹⁹ For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. ²⁰ And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand...¹⁰ But Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing."

ROMANS 2:15

¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and *their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them*

JAMES 4:1

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that *your passions are at war within you?*

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