

Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Aug 29th 2018

The narrative of the passion of John the Baptist (Mark (6:17-29) provokes deep reflections. In the plot, each person might find himself or a semblance of himself. Have I ever been an instrument of death or blackmail? Have I provided the counsel needed for covering the light or over turning the truth?

The *weakness* of Herod before his own words and guests invites us to evaluate the basis of our decisions and actions – the will of God, our conscience or “what people would say”? The passion of John the Baptist is not only a testimony to the fact that the voice of truth cannot be silenced but also an invitation to brace up for the cost of bearing witness to Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

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