



Achar

Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

We touched briefly upon the aftermath the resulting consequences as defined by the Websters Classic Dictionary in our previous lesson of the tumultuous reactions that transpired next in Galilee after or "Achar" within the Strong's Hebrew word # 311 upon the execution of John the Baptist.

After Herodias had so skillfully used Herod Antipas's intentions for Salome against him. Antipas had intended to give Salome a title & or prestige to legitimize his illicit marriage to Herodias. Herodias used this to get what she had wanted- the death of the immensely popular John the Baptist. John was a culture phenomenon in Israel so much so that Scripture does record that John had publicly expressed his concerns knowing that his popularity had to diminish and that Jesus's had to increase.

✝ He (Christ) must increase, but I (Baptizer) must decrease. John 3:30 KJV.

Ok, Get that?

There is an immense Theological depth here that we have not even scratched the surface of as of yet.

What I'm getting at is this; when John's purpose his Heavenly assigned meaning for his very Earthly existence was complete. (We are all a thought in the mind of GOD brought forth in His Time within His Design)

John the Baptist's resulting popularity was now actually a hindrance that would have to be overcome by Jesus if John were to remain. However, our Heavenly Father did not wish to diminish John's favor nor his work. So, the Lord simply allowed events to transpire that took John the Baptist to his Heavenly home.

Do we not realize just how easily John the Baptist could have and should have been set free?

Yes, I do believe this absolutely means that GOD allows some of us to pass prematurely or even seemingly in our prime when we have completed what it was that GOD has Willed for us to do.

While this thought necessarily conversely means when one of us is overwhelmed by this world again meaning this too can result in what seems to be for us a premature removal from this life.

Does GOD know or not know what is going to happen to us? Of course He does.

We have Freewill but He knows. GOD is outside of Time. (GOD knows our passing from this life can cement our legacy)

Time or "Teemay" in Greek which means to honor/value/respect hence our study title of "Jesus Time!"

Yes, now you know Why? This study is called "Jesus Time" because of the Greek definition of Time.

In fact; "Time" itself is by GOD'S design to bring us forth one Soul at a time in the plan of the Great I AM.

Often when evil befalls us it is by our own actions/inaction or even by the Sins of another.

While lest we forget that sickness and or disease is also the result of our weakness to Sin. (born corrupted)

Meaning we should not blame GOD when unfortune, sickness, mishap, or disease sets in.

Because GOD sent a very part of Himself- Jesus as our Christ and then He died for our Sin.

When bad things befall upon us trust GOD because He never said we have to like it only that we believe & trust in Him. So, for GOD'S purposes even of His removing us in order to promote His Will you get the idea. Meaning if our Heavenly Father allowed even John the Baptist to be brought to an abrupt halt once he had achieved his Heavenly goals.

Then yes, any and all of us can and will be called home by the Lord as His plan and thoughts for us being how we effect others according to His Will. Of course, even by how our absence will also affect others.

Yes, I know tis hard to wrap one's thoughts and heart around but again Heavenly Father does NOT view death as we do. He is awaiting to "receive all who believe" in Him through Jesus as our living Christ!

Do not look or think of this as a loss or live in fear of it. (our demise or the loss of another before their time)

But take courage and have heart is this not in actuality a very great promise of comfort?

Knowing each eternal paradise without pain nor shame awaits those in Him when the Lord see's fit?

Therefor we should each live and Pray each and every day to be useful for the Lord. For Heaven awaits!

Ok, Again this was during the time of Antipas's marital civil war in Galilee now coupled with the brutal execution of the supremely popular taken as a Prophet John the Baptist.

John was violently put to death by Antipas (Herodias/Salome) for speaking GOD'S truth against them. So, Civil War coupled with Civil Unrest were now all to be squashed with & by additional Roman might.

Scripture records as it was not yet His time and with all of this turmoil while Jesus also knew that He was now upon Antipas's mind who has temporarily at least benefitted from additional Roman forces deployed within Galilee to restore the peace meaning we can rightly say that Jesus got away.

Our Lord time being strategically withdrew unto the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee.

Which of course was Herod Phillip the Tetrarch's territory. (Antipas's half brother)

Salome's very same great uncle & brother of Antipas that She was married off too & likewise sent away.

✝ After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. ² And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. ³ And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

John 6:1-3 KJV

What we miss here is exactly What? Do you think the people would have then demanded for Jesus to do. Because Jesus as Christ had proved what He could do with & by His Divine miracles as evidence.

Let us reason:

First & foremost the people would have demanded Jesus immediately raise John the Baptist from the dead.

Second that Christ smite Herod and the Romans. Right now! What are you waiting for?!

Then they would have also wanted Jesus too rid Israel of the Pharisee's & to immediately establish "Thy Kingdom Come." Again, it was not as of yet Jesus's Time to do these things, but He will in GOD'S Time. Jesus's first Advent was to provide His Way for us to enter into Thy Kingdom Come which by GOD's Will will be established after our Christ Jesus's Second Coming of Advent.

But then & there even down to now Messiah Christ has come once to us in order to provide His "Way" for any Sinful human being using Jesus's Grace by Faith to be able to enter into Thy Kingdom yet to Come.

Moving on; later soon after this when Jesus does return to His normal regions of Galilee & begins His work anew, the crowds will continue to swell even to unheard of sizes. (John is gone everyone is seeking his Messiah!)

Then the Pharisee's resort to threatening Jesus that they will "tip-off" Antipas as for Christ's location.

The Pharisee's thought if Antipas rid us of the Baptizer, then perhaps he will rid us of this Jesus as well.

Their reasoning was: maybe Jesus will leave if we threaten Him that we will turn Him over to Antipas.

✝ At that very hour some Pharisees came up and said to Him, "Leave and go away from here, because Herod [Antipas] wants to kill You." ³² And He (Jesus) said to them, "Go and tell that fox [that sly, cowardly man], 'Listen carefully: I cast out demons and perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third *day* I reach My goal.' ³³ Nevertheless I must travel on today and tomorrow and the *day* after that—for it cannot be that a prophet would die outside of Jerusalem. Dr. Luke 13: 31-33 AMP

It was each a 3 days walk to Jerusalem and Jesus will be in public Ministry for 3 ½ years.

Later in Jerusalem during our Christ's illegal trials Antipas Herod will meet Jesus:

✝ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort.

Dr. Luke 23:8 NIV