

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

GLORY

WEEK 4: DEC. 18, 2022

Faithful God,
Help us to "hear" what
you have to say to us,
sometimes through the
experiences of others.
Thank you for insights
that come our way when
we listen carefully.
Amen

MESSAGE TO THE HERODS (A DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE)

READ Matthew 2:1,12; Luke 23:8-11; Acts 12:1, 21-23; Acts 25:23

Matthew 2:1 - After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem.

Matthew 2:12 - And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Luke 23:8-11 - 8 Herod was very glad to see Jesus, for he had heard about Jesus and had wanted to see him for quite some time. He was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign.⁹ Herod questioned Jesus at length, but Jesus didn't respond to him.¹⁰ The chief priests and the legal experts were there, fiercely accusing Jesus. ¹¹ Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt. Herod mocked him by dressing Jesus in elegant clothes and sent him back to Pilate.

Acts 12:1 - About that time King Herod began to harass some who belonged to the church.

Acts 12: 21-23 - ²¹ On the scheduled day Herod dressed himself in royal attire, seated himself on the throne, and gave a speech to the people. ²² Those assembled kept shouting, over and over, "This is a god's voice, not the voice of a mere human!" ²³ Immediately an angel from the Lord struck Herod down, because he didn't give the honor to God. He was eaten by worms and died.

Acts 25:23 - The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great fanfare. They entered the auditorium with the military commanders and the city's most prominent men. Festus then ordered that Paul be brought in.

GETTING STARTED

- Welcome each other.
- Inquire as to anyone who is missing. Is follow-up needed?
- Prior to this monologue, who did you think "Herod" was? Did you notice that "Herod" was plural--"Herods"--in the title of the monologue? Was this news to you?



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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- We typically hear about a single "Herod" in a verse or passage of Scripture. What happens to our understanding when we consider a number of different references to "Herod" at the same time?
- Did the Herods have a family legacy? If so, how would you describe it?
- Why do you suspect the Herods did what they did?
- What did you learn about the Herods from Pastor Rob's monologue?
- The title of the monologue is "A Message to the Herods." What is it?
- If you found yourself a member of the Herod Family, what might God say to you about being a family?

PRAYER REQUESTS

