

KING HEROD THE GREAT

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’ When King Herod heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.” (Matthew 2:1-3)

A. Who Was King Herod the Great?

1. King Herod the Great was an _____.
2. King Herod the Great was _____.

“When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied...” (vv. 4-5a)

“Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.” (v. 7)

“He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’” (v. 8)

“When Herod realized he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under...” (v. 16a)

B. What Can We Learn From this (Really) Bad Example?

Today’s “Big Idea”...

When _____ greatness _____,
_____ greatness _____.

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:24-26)

C. What Can We Do to Avoid Following the (Really) Bad Example?

1. Recognize the truth that, "At your core, there is _____ between you and Herod."
 - a. The only **real** difference between us and King Herod is not _____, it's _____.

"There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:22b-23)

FAMILY MATTERS

Sympathy is extended to Bethany Delicana and Jaela on the recent loss of husband and father, Dante Villalobos.

Sympathy is extended to Jay & Kathy Hosanee, Manish, Sheyn and Shanya, on the passing of Kathy's father.

Sympathy is extended to Lillian Edmunds on the passing her husband Gordon.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing you have learned about Herod?
2. What if there were no consequences in your life? What would you be like?
3. What does it look like when you put yourself first?
4. Have you ever seen Herod in yourself?
5. How can you become Christ-like and serve others this week?

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