

John The Baptist
Beheaded

Matthew 14:1-12



the
Gospel
according to
Matthew



Matt. 14-17 Kingdom Mission
Miracles and Controversy



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A Faithful John vs. A Fearful Herod



Miracles and Controversy

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus, ² and he said to his attendants, 'This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him.'

**Herod was Confused
about Jesus**

Jesus was John Resurrected!



Herod arrested John

³ Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ for John had been saying to him: 'It is not lawful for you to have her.' ⁵ Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered John a prophet.

A Faithful John

vs. A Fearful Herod

John was Bold, Herod was Fearful



Sin & Shame of Herod & Herodias

Seduced and eloped with Herodias who was the wife of his half-brother Herod Philip I.

King Herod the Tetrarch

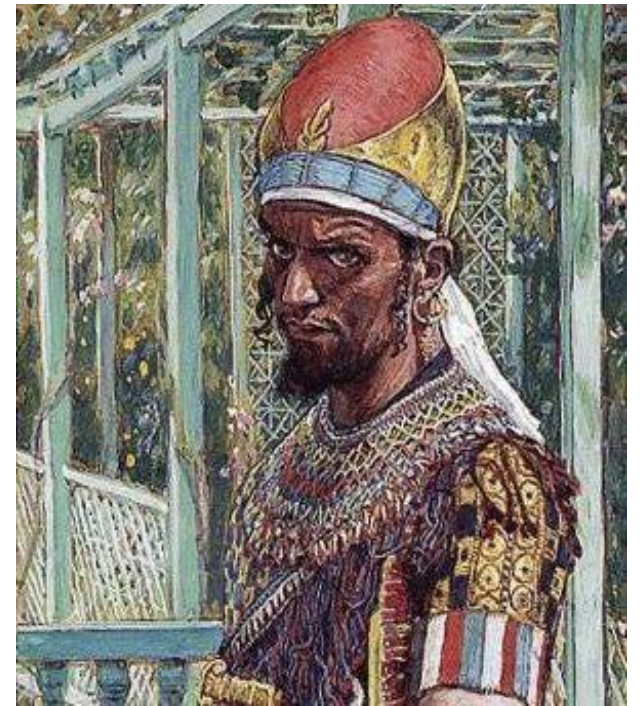
Son of Herod the Great

A 'tetrarch', ruled over the 4th part of the kingdom of Galilee and Perea.

Herodias & Herod Philip I

Herodias was a daughter of Aristobulus, a niece to Herod and Herod Philip I.

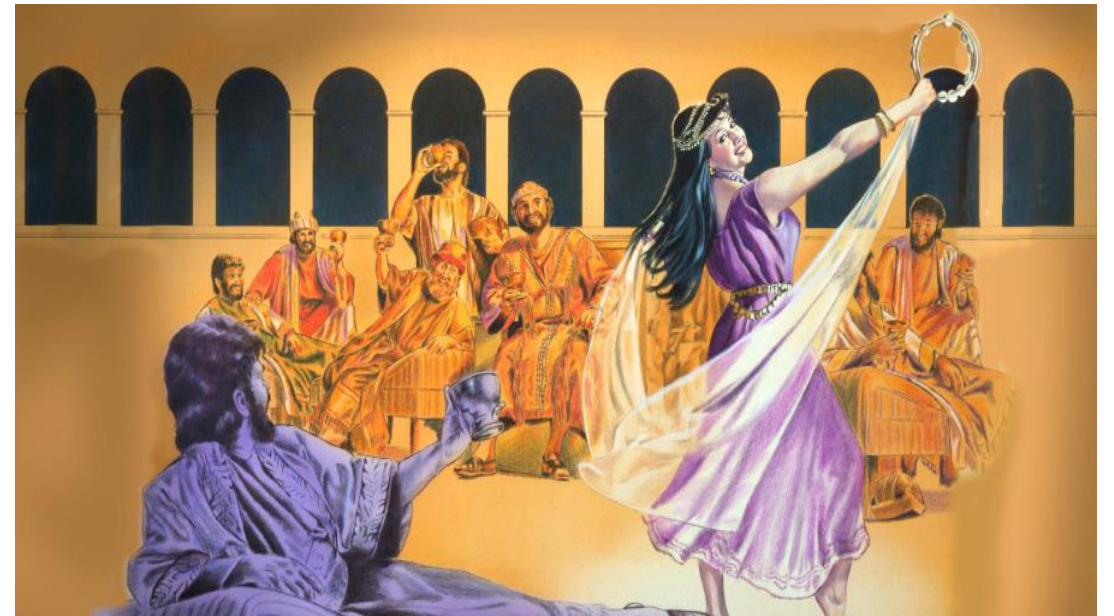
Herod Agrippa I, was her brother



Herodias plotted John's death

⁶ On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for the guests and pleased Herod so much ⁷ that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, 'Give me here on a dish the head of John the Baptist.'

Salome, the daughter of Herodias, danced for John's head



John was Beheaded

⁹ The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he ordered that her request be granted

¹⁰ and had John beheaded in the prison.

¹¹ His head was brought in on a dish and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother.

Martyred!



Kingdom Mission:
Miracles and Controversy

Kingdom Message Causes Controversy

People can reject the gospel despite miracles!

“For even his own brother did not believe in him.”

His brothers John 7:5

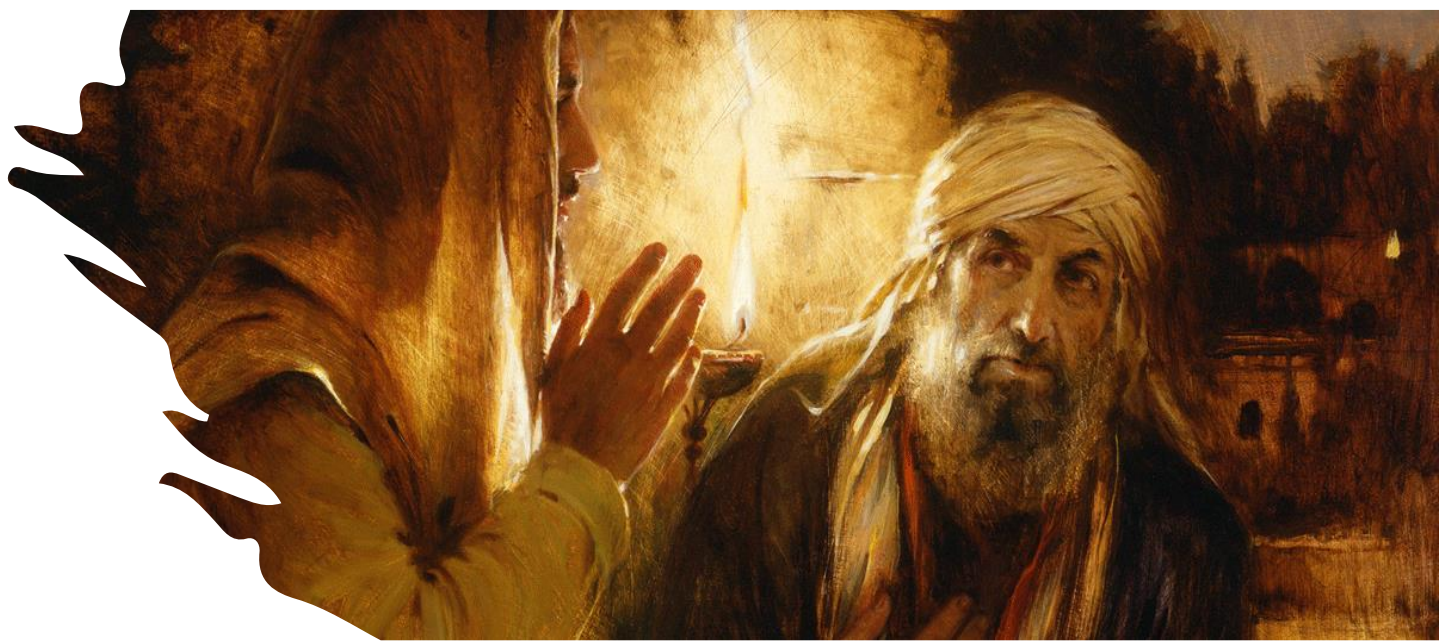


Nicodemus!
John 3: 2

**The unbelieving Jews who
wanted to stone him**

John 10:22-42

***In V32 Jesus said to them,
I have shown you many
great miracles from the
Father. For which of these
do you stone me?’***



Kingdom Mission:

Miracles and Controversy

Being Christians Causes Controversy

There is a cost of discipleship.

John the Baptist paid it with his life!

Open Doors Ministry

Persecuted Church and Christians

More Christians martyred in the twentieth century than in the first nineteen centuries after the birth of Christ.



Open Doors

Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide

**Being a kingdom disciple
will cost us something!**

But It's worth it!

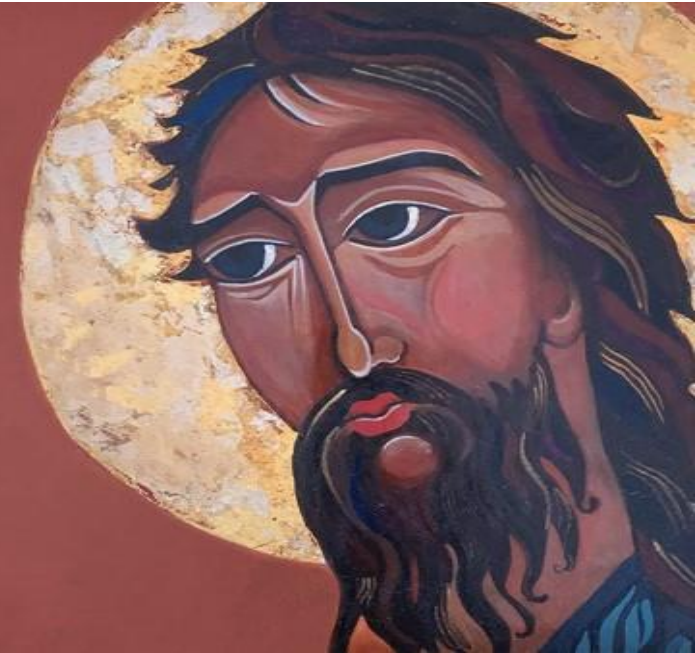
Look at the life of John vs. Herod

Live by Faith vs. Live by Fear



Herod
feared
John,
knowing
that he was
a righteous
and holy man

MARK 6:20



Kingdom work continues despite persecution

¹² John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

**John's death was honoured
but life and work of the
kingdom continued**

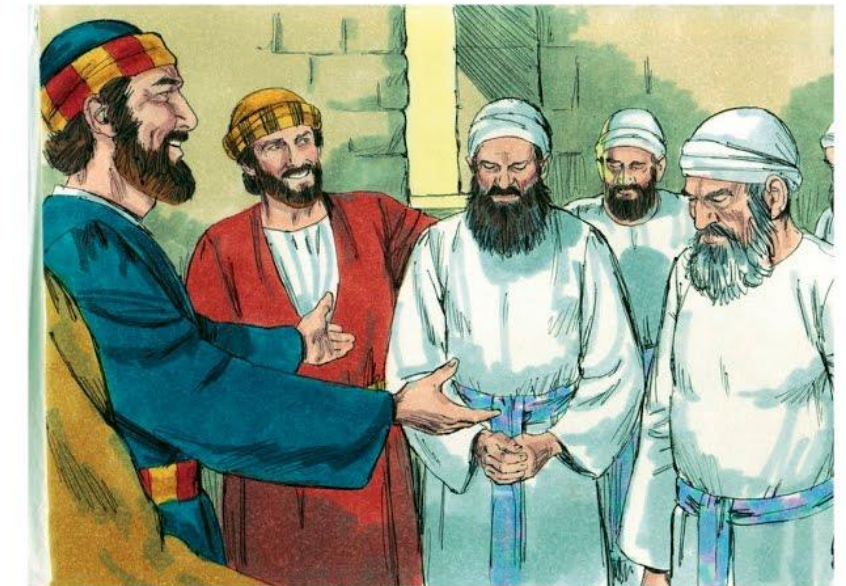


Testimony of Manaen

Acts 13:1

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

A foster brother and friend brought up in the palace court who chose to follow Jesus



Joanna, wife of Cuza, manager of Herod's household

Luke 8:3 Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Cured of her disease and became a follower & supporter of Jesus' ministry

Luke 24:10

One of the women who witnessed the first resurrection of Jesus.



Be Kingdom Disciples
Living the Kingdom Life

Put Our Trust in God

Let us be faithful like John!



**From Doubtful to
Courageous Faithful Prophet**

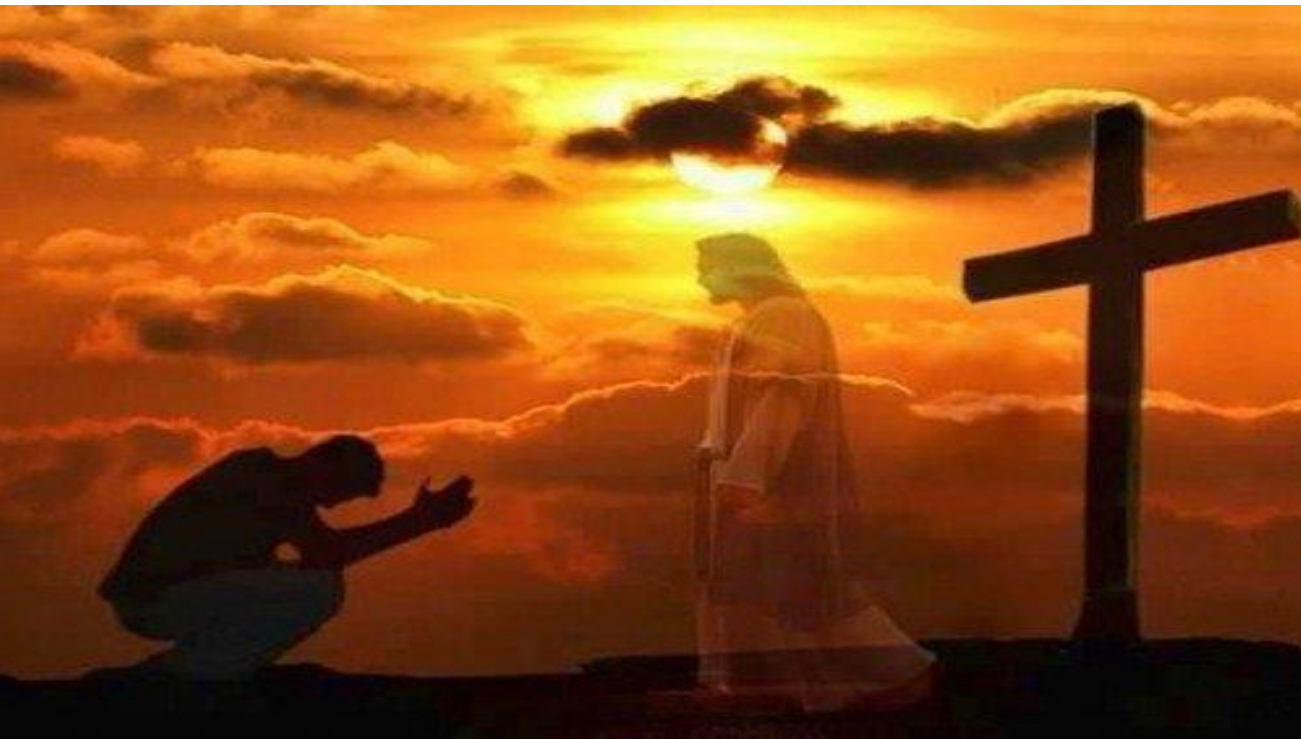


**Witnesses
for Jesus**

Pray, Work, and Persevere

Demonstrate our faith in Jesus Christ

Live by Faith not by Fear



The Kingdom of God Cannot be Shaken

Hebrews 12:28-29

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our 'God is a consuming fire.'



**Go and Be His Courageous
Faithful Witnesses!**

Build His Kingdom Here



Acts 1:8 *Going Mission with God!*