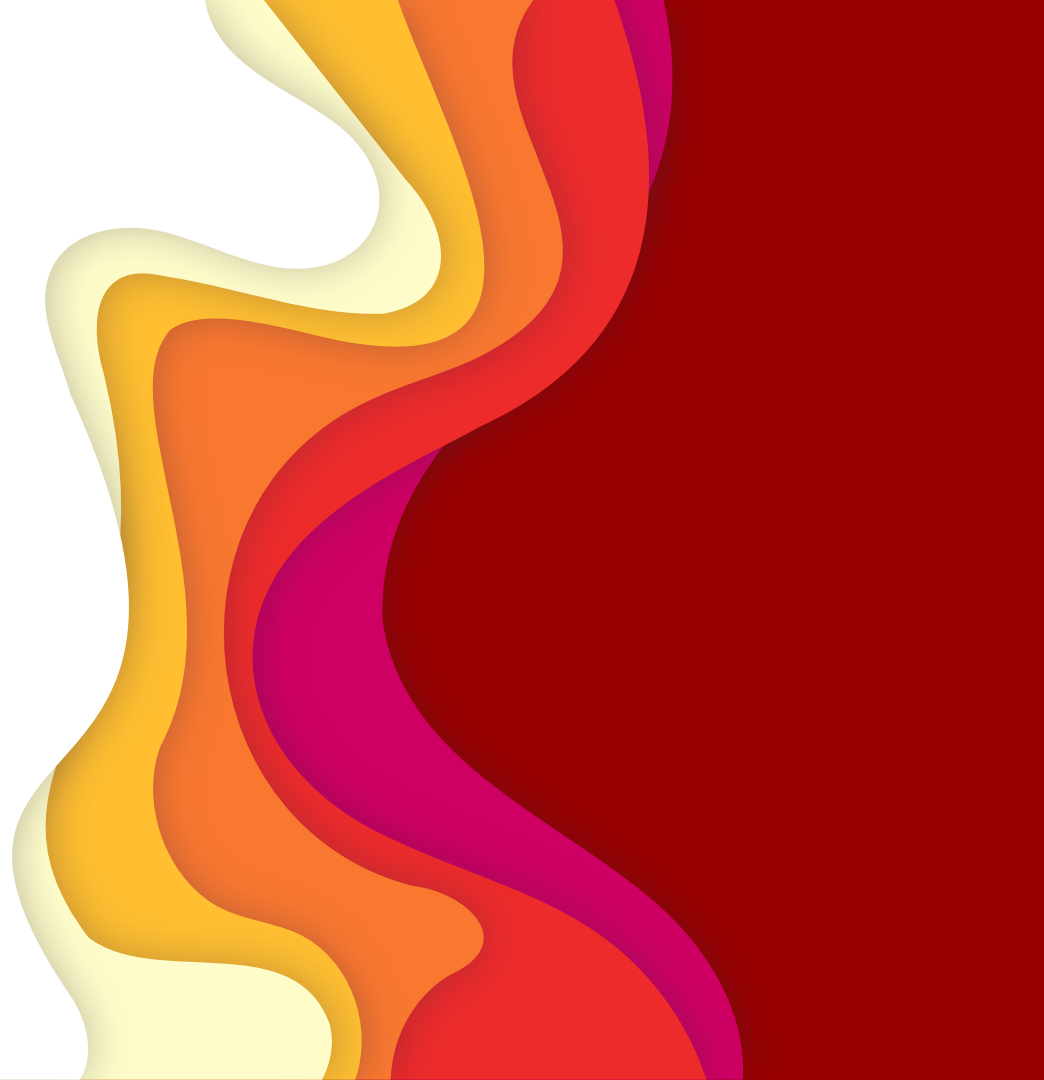


The Oath

Matthew

14:1-12



Matthew 14:1-4

14 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.”

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.”

Matthew 14:5-8

5 Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered John a prophet.

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 platter the head of John the Baptist."

Matthew 14:9-12

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 platter and given to the girl, who carried it to her mother. **12** John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus.

REJECTED:
by Hometown

**By the
Common
People**

Jesus Himself

by Resentment

REJECTED:
by Herod

**By an
Earthly King**

**Jesus'
Predecessor**

by Fear and Pride

**The
Gospel
On Hard
Soil**

Types of Oaths

Hippocratic Oath

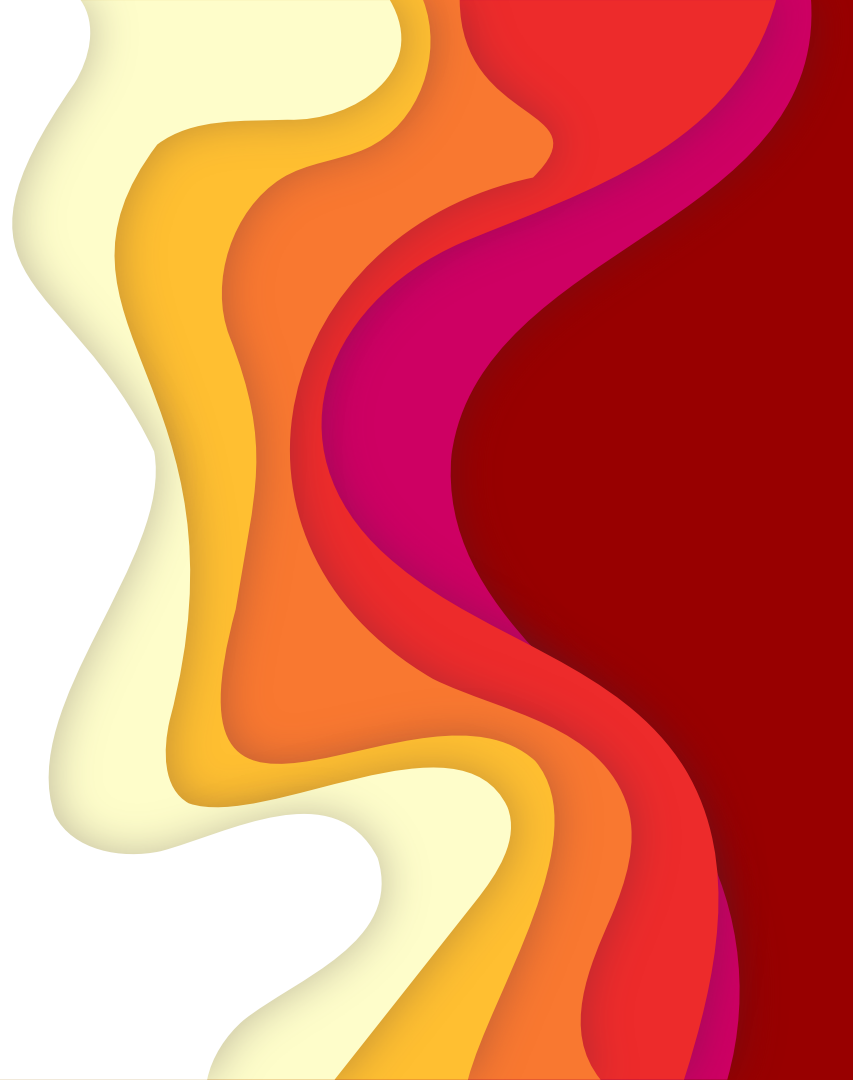
Presidential Oath of Office

Military Enlistment

Testify in Court

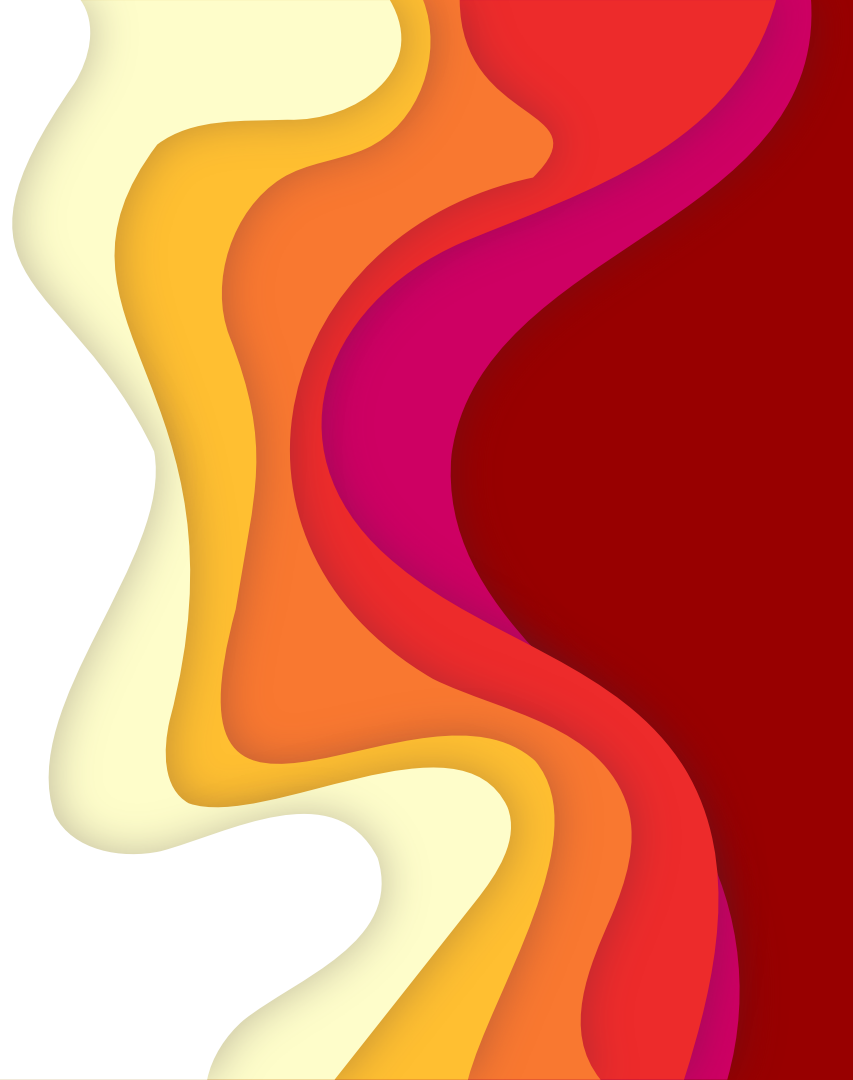
Fiduciary Oath

Wedding Vows



John the Baptist

- Miracle baby
 - Luke 1:5-25
- Prophesied by Isaiah
 - Isaiah 40:1-11
- Baptized Jesus
 - Matthew 3:13-17
- Modern Elijah
 - Malachi 4:5,6



Truths from John's Life

1

He was man of faith willing to share his beliefs.

Truths from John's Life

2

His devotion to Jesus did not make him absent of doubt.

Truths from John's Life

3

His calling from God did not guarantee a long life.

Martyr (*witness*)

“A person killed for their religious beliefs.”

Stephen the Deacon

*Stoning

Acts 7:54-60

John the Baptist

*Beheading

Mark 6:14-29

James the Apostle

*By the Sword

Acts 12:2



Herod Antipas

- Son of Herod the Great
- Herod the tetrarch
- Ruled from 4 BC-AD 39
- believed Jesus was John the Baptist resurrected
- Presided over Jesus' trial

1

An oath should not be made irrationally.

Herod's oath was irrational...

- He may have been under the influence
- Given to impress a woman
- Went against his beliefs
- Held to protect his status

2

An oath is evidence of a person's character.

- Matthew 5:33-37
- James 5:12
- Leviticus 19:12
- Numbers 30:2
- Deuteronomy 23:21-23
- Hebrews 6:13-18

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