



Be Faithful!

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MARK 

Mark 10:1-12

***“Home should be a living
parable of grace and mercy!”***



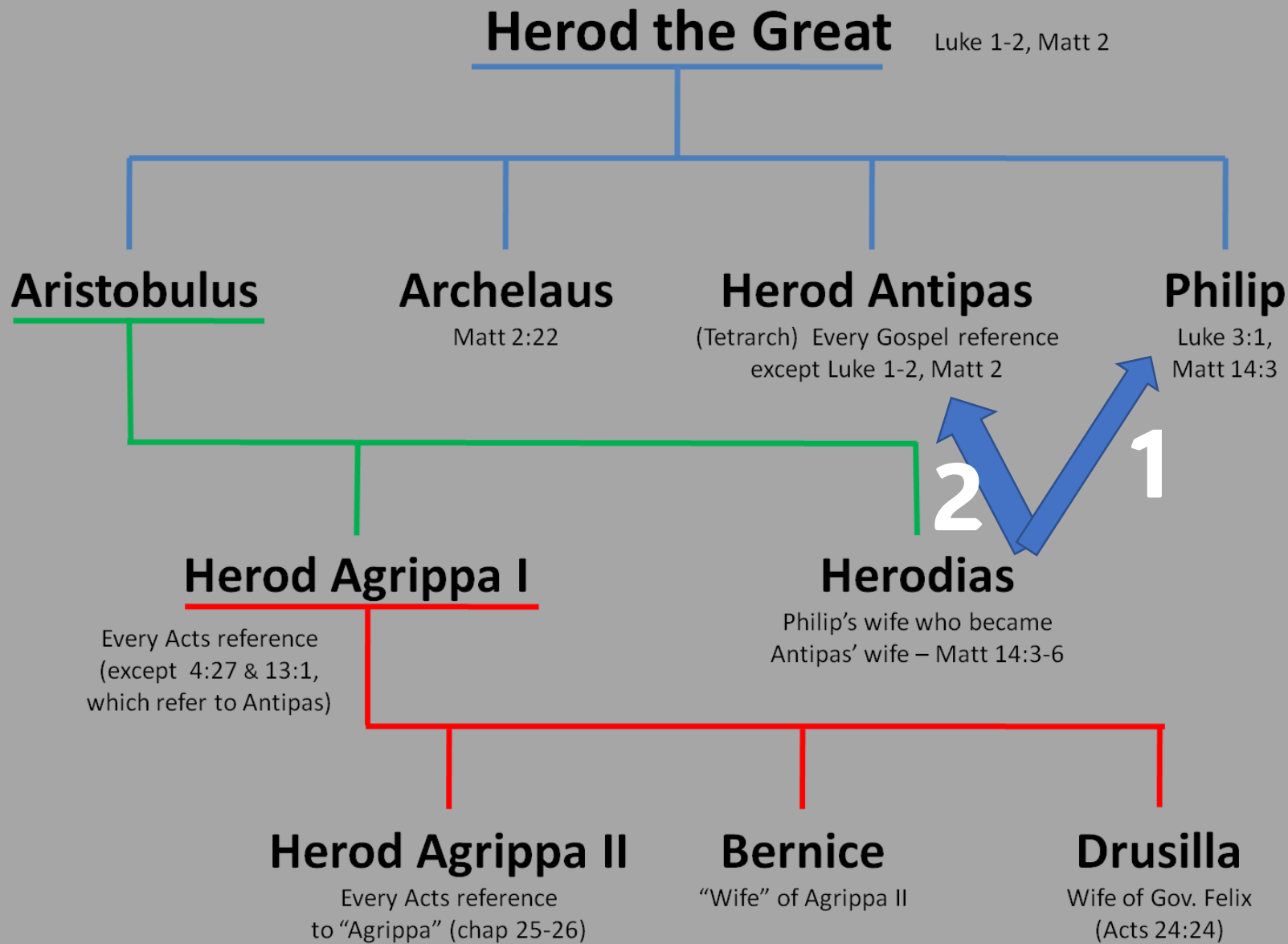
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10:1 Getting up, He went from there to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan; crowds gathered around Him again, and, according to His custom, He once more began to teach them.

2 Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife.



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Mark 6:17,18

For Herod himself had ordered that John be arrested and bound and imprisoned, on account of his brother Philip's wife Herodias, whom Herod had married. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife!"



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Mark 6:19,20 So Herodias held a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she had been unable, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man.

6:24,25 Then she went out and asked her mother, "What should I request?" And her mother answered, "The head of John the Baptist." At once the girl hurried back to the king with her request: "I want you to give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter immediately."



Mat 19:3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus,
testing Him and asking, “Is it lawful for a
man to divorce his wife **for any reason
at all?**”



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Setting a Trap 1,2

- ‘for any reason’
- Deut 24:1 – ‘uncleaness’ = unfit?
- Just into Herod Antipas region
- John the Baptist executioner

***“First, he must choose his love,
and then
he must love his choice.”***

Henry Smith



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10:3 And He answered and said to them,
“What did Moses command you?”

Word of God or the World? 3

- What did Moses say?
- Genesis 2
- Deuteronomy 24
- Hosea & Gomer

***“It is not evil to marry
but good to be wary.”***
Thomas Gataker 1574-1654



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4 They said, “Moses permitted a man TO
WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND
SEND her AWAY.”



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Permitted NOT Preferred 4

- Deuteronomy 24
- Certificate was for protection of wife
- Modern or Model?
- Who sets expectations? Creator!
- We are all living 'less than ideal'



Ruth Graham
was once
asked about
Billy and
divorce:
"Divorce? No.
Murder? Yes!"

"A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers"

10:5 But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 But from the beginning of creation, God
MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

7 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE
HIS FATHER AND MOTHER,

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8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE
FLESH; so they are no longer two, but
one flesh.

9 What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

Point

- Heart – hard hearts hurt each other
- Home – man/woman – mom/dad
- Leaving – leave home – make home!
- Living – live as one unit – 0/100%
- Loving – God's love as the example

Rom 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***“Homes are made
by love and labor –
not luck!”***



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10:10 In the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again.

11 And He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery.”

Love is never selfish! 10-12

- So never? Sometimes? Anything?
- Divorce w/o reason = adultery
- Divorce by the wife? How?
- God's ideal – Love for Lifetime

***“I want my home to look
more like heaven than earth.”***



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What do I need to do?

- Married – stay married – work on it!
- Separated – work it out if possible
- Divorced – 40% - 70% - 75% - be wise
- Remarried – see #1 – double hard!



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