

Lessons From Antipas

Matthew #97

Matthew 14:1-12

Herod seemed unaware that Jesus was the very child that his own father (Herod the Great) had attempted to kill through the slaughter of the male infants of Bethlehem.

Vs 2 - There are no miracles ever attributed to John the Baptizer, it seems that Herod thought that the experience of resurrection had conveyed to John miraculous powers that he did not previously have.

John the Baptizer had an active ministry that lasted about 12 – 14 months, followed by a little less than a two-year stint in prison.

Herodias – she was the grand-daughter of Herod the Great. She was married to Phillip, who was a son of Herod the Great, thus her husband was her half-uncle. She then left him and became the mistress of a step-uncle and then finally married another half-uncle Antipas, while she was still married to Phillip.

Herod claimed to rule over others, but in reality he was a man controlled by the fear of man. His fear of the people initially kept him from killing John. His fear of his friends finally compelled him to authorize John's execution.

Herod feared everyone except the Lord, and he lost his soul as a result.