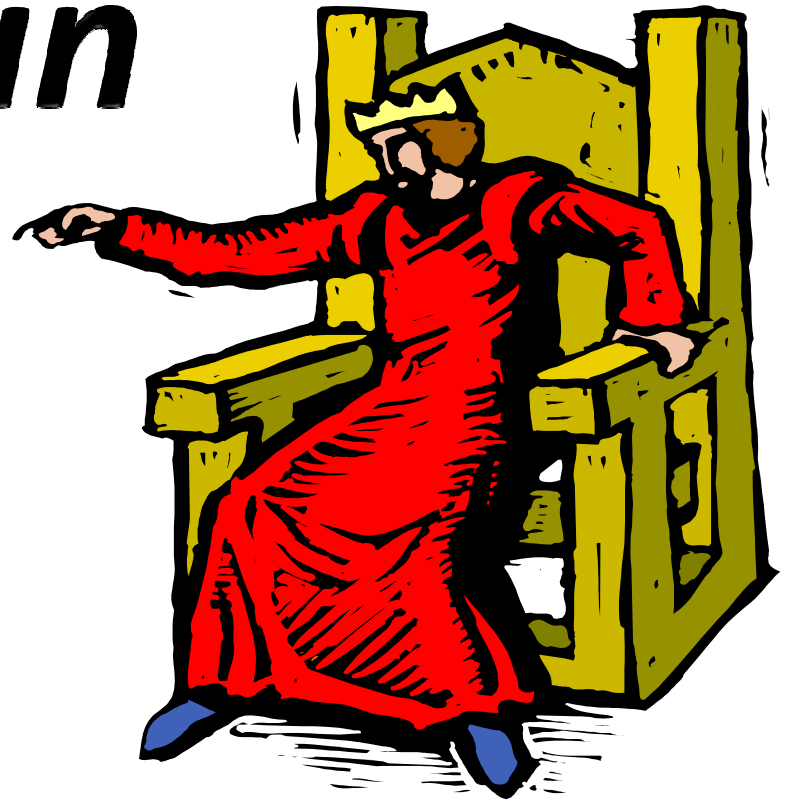


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**Mark 6:14-29**



# Jesus Ministry Attracted Attention

- His miracles and those of the apostles

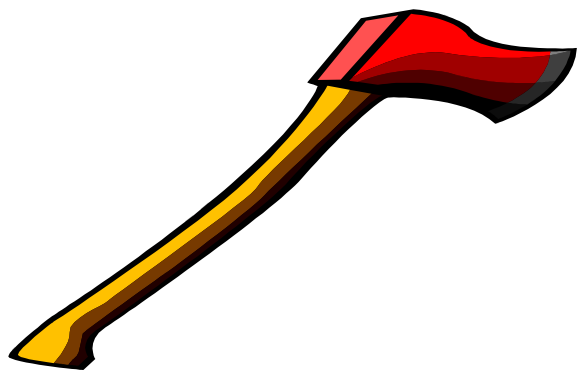
**Mark 6:12-13**

- King Herod & other's reaction to Jesus

**Mark 6:14-16**

- Events leading up to John's death

**Mark 6:17-29**



# Herod Antipas, Tetrarch

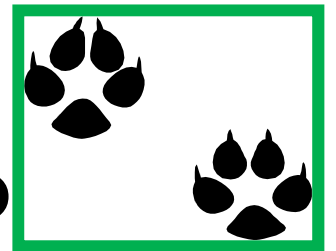
- Tetrarch, Governor of Galilee
  - Position ratified by Caesar Augustus of Rome
- Son of Herod the Great, ruled at the time of Jesus birth, **Matthew 2:1-19**
- Mother, a Samaritan, 4th of Herod's 10 wives
- Educated in Rome, brothers, Archelaus & Philip II
- Herod Agrippa I, brother of Philip II, **Acts 12:1-2**
- Herod Agrippa II, brother of Philip II, Paul appeared before him before going to Rome, **Acts 26:1**



**Herod's family tree was full of rotten fruit!**

# Herod Antipas, Accomplishments

1. Governed Galilee 42 yrs. (4 B.C.-39 A.D)
2. Built several large cities in Galilee
3. Imprisoned/executed, John, **Mark 6:14-19**
4. Sought to kill Jesus & was referred to by Jesus as *“that fox”*, **Luke 13:31-33**
5. Mocked Jesus at his trial, leading to a friendship with Pilate, **Luke 23:7-12**



**Not very impressive for 42 years of service?**

# As A Man Herod was...

- ...Highly superstitious (Paranoid)
  - Initially thought Jesus to be John, **Mark 6:14**
  - Believed John raised from dead, **Mark 6:14, 16**
- ...Immoral to the Core
  - Divorced 1<sup>st</sup> wife to marry Herodias, **Mark 6:17**
  - Herodias, his 1/2 niece, married to brother Philip
  - Each divorced spouses to marry one another
    - Unlawful marriage, **Mark 6:18**
    - Plain & simple adultery, **Romans 7:2-3**
  - Murdered John, **Mark 6:19**



# As A Man Herod was...

- ...Easily manipulated (True Politician)
  - Feared the multitude, **Matthew 14:5**
  - Feared John, listened; no repentance, **Mark 6:20**
  - Enticed by stepdaughter, **Mark 6:21-23**
  - Tricked by Herodias, **Mark 6:24-25**
  - Feared loosing face w/ guests, **Mark 6:21-26**
  - Concerned w/ self image & self-indulgence
    - Yet, Later Herod was exiled because of Herodias!



**Not a man you want to follow!**

# Conclusion

- **Sad picture “Weakness in the Seat of Power”**
  - A man with great power and prestige
  - His failings left him weak & manipulated
- **Lessons learned from Herod Antipas**
  - We hold many positions of power!
    - Parent, Grandparent, Neighbor, Employee, etc.



**Are we weak like Herod or strong like John?**

- John lost head.....Herod lost his soul
- *“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist...”*

**Matthew 7:11**

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