

## Mastering Life A Life of Courage

### I. Introduction

A. Herod the Great's three sons:

1. Herod Archelaus
2. Herod Antipas
3. Herod Philip

B. Matthew 2:22-23 (NLT) <sup>22</sup>But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: "He will be called a Nazarene."

C. Luke 19:11-14 (NLT) <sup>11</sup>The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away. <sup>12</sup>He said, "A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return. <sup>13</sup>Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.' <sup>14</sup>But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.'"

D. Luke 19:27 (NLT) "And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king—bring them in and execute them right here in front of me."

E. Luke 19:28 (NLT) After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples.

F. Luke 13:32 (NLT) Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose."

G. Luke 3:1-2 (NLT) <sup>1</sup>It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. <sup>2</sup>Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness.

1. Because when the "Kingdom of God" comes, everything starts to get all mixed up!

H. Luke 3:19-20 (NLT) <sup>19</sup>John also publicly criticized Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, for marrying Herodias, his brother's wife, and for many other wrongs he had done. <sup>20</sup>So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others.

I. Matthew 4:12 (NLT) When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

1. The general strategy of "Kingdom bringers" is to bring the "Kingdom" to whatever part of the world needs it most, even though that might mean lots of problems, inconvenience, discomfort, even danger for doing it!

J. Luke 14:31-32 (NLT) <sup>31</sup>"Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? <sup>32</sup>And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away."

K. Luke 7:24 (NLT) After John's disciples left, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind?"

L. Luke 7:25-26 (NLT) <sup>25</sup>“Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people who wear beautiful clothes and live in luxury are found in palaces. <sup>26</sup>Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet.”

M. Luke 9:7-10 (NLT) <sup>7</sup>When Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, heard about everything Jesus was doing, he was puzzled. Some were saying that John the Baptist had been raised from the dead. <sup>8</sup>Others thought Jesus was Elijah or one of the other prophets risen from the dead. <sup>9</sup>“I beheaded John,” Herod said, “so who is this man about whom I hear such stories?” And he kept trying to see him. <sup>10</sup>When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida.

N. Luke 13:31 (NLT) At that time some Pharisees said to him, “Get away from here if you want to live! Herod Antipas wants to kill you!”

O. Luke 13:32 (NLT) Jesus replied, “Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose.”

1. I wonder who or what plays the role of “Herod Antipas” in your life?

## **II. Conclusion**