



"In the Days of Herod the King" (Temple)

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Matthew 2:1-2, p. 676; Mark 13:1-2; John 2:20

King Herod is all about indulging himself (Herodium) and making himself wealthy (Caesarea) and being known as the legitimate King of the Jews (Temple). He was known for this massive, magnificent Temple rebuild and yet the only background the Bible gives about him was that "Jesus was born... *in the days of Herod the King.*" Looking back a few thousand years, it almost seems that Herod was quite the giver!

1. If I give more in order to *enhance my self-worth*, I'm giving less, not more
2. If I give more in order to be *accepted by others*, I'm giving less, not more
3. If I give more in order to *enlarge my legacy*, I'm giving less, not more
4. Those in the Christmas story who gave more:

The one thing: *Why do I give?*

Miss something? Completed sermon notes are available online. Binders to organize your sermon notes are available at the upstairs Welcome Desk.

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Google "Herod the Great" (aish.com)
- Check out Ray Vander Laan's *Faith Lessons on the Death & Resurrection of the Messiah: Jerusalem* (DVD series in Church library)
- Take your next step for Advent Conspiracy

NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

1 KEEPING IT REAL

Are you more likely to give/get *stuff* or give/get *service* this advent season?

2 LOOK AT THE BOOK

Servanthood can be defined as meeting the real needs of another, doing whatever it takes to accomplish what is best for another. How does this definition compare to what we read in Philippians 2:3-11?

3

Take a look at 1 Timothy 6:6-10. How does this passage impact your gift-giving strategy?

4 TAKING IT FURTHER

How do you intend to give more this Advent season?