



## "In the Days of Herod the King" (Masada)

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Masada, as fortified by Herod, gives us additional insight into what the Scripture means that Jesus was born "in the days of Herod the King" and it confronts us with one of the key principles of life. A principle we must wrap our hearts around if we are to live a life of victory:

*the principle of surrender!*

1. Unlike Herod, *humble yourself.*
2. Unlike Herod, *cling to the truth.*
3. Unlike Herod, *surrender to Jesus.*

**The one thing:** *All I want for Christmas is you!*

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Psalm 18:1-3.
- Google "Masada."
- What is the name of the "king" God is asking to surrender today?
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

### 1 KEEPING IT REAL

Think of a time when you strongly desired to take control of a situation or a position of authority. Were your motivations born out of a spirit of love and a desire to serve, or were they selfish desires?

### 2 LOOK AT THE BOOK

Consider Herod's reactions and responses in Matthew 2:3, 7-8, 16. Then read James 3:16. What insights can you make regarding Herod's character and the breadth of his love?

### 3

Read Genesis 22:1-12 and consider the breadth of Abraham's love and contrast it with that of Herod.

### 4 TAKING IT FURTHER

What will you do to "love all" the people whom you encounter in your daily life and to demonstrate the love of Christ as He first loved you?