

Matthew 14:1-14 “Two Different Kingdoms”

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. — Rev 11:15

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II. Herod’s opinion of Jesus

“Whom do men say that I am?” Matt 16:13 (“Some say John the Baptist”)

The uneasy conscience (fear) of Herod Antipas (son of Herod the Great)

He killed John the Baptist (vv. 3-12)

Herodias was granddaughter of Salome I, sister to Herod the Great

Herodias had been married to Herod II, a son of Herod the Great

Salome was Herodias’ daughter by Herod II

She married Philip the Tetrarch, son of Herod the Great

As a widow, she later married Aristobulus, Herod’s great-grandson

This second husband was the son of her mother’s brother

Antipas is the same Herod mentioned in the trial of Jesus (Lk 23:6-11)

Antipas was “glad” to see him (v. 8), but *see* Lk 13:31-33.

III. Herod’s “kingdom” is fraught with corruption and defilement (*cf.* 15:18)

Man’s kingdom is a kingdom of fear and oppression vv. 1-2

(*cf.* vv. 3-12)

God’s kingdom is one of compassion and redemption vv. 13-14

(*cf.* 15:1-20)