

## **“The Herald of the King”**

Matthew 14:1-12 (P. 975 in the pew Bible)

### **1. The folly of Herod**

**Mark 6:17** For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. 18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John...

**Luke 9:9** Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him.

**Luke 23:8** When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him.

### **2. The faithfulness of John**

**John 10:41** And many came to him. And they said, "John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true."

**Matthew 11:2** Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

### **3. The fulness of Jesus**

**Psalm 116:15** “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”

**John 3:28** You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ 29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.”

#### **Revelation 20:4**

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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