

Message Notes | Road to the Cross

Part 3: Herod's Palace

Luke 23:1-12

→ have you ever asked God for a sign?

#1 _____ if you are looking for a sign.

→ three reasons why

→ Pilate took the easy way out - **vs. 1-7**

#2 Coincidences and resistances are not reliable indicators of _____.

→ Herod got a sign he wasn't expecting - **vs. 8-9**

#3 The sign that you want _____ the sign that you need.

→ remaining silent through it all - **vs. 10-12**

#4 What if God _____ the sign that you need?

→ the signs that God will never obstruct

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1. Share a time when the thought crossed your mind, "Maybe God is trying to tell me something."
2. How might the world, the devil, and your own sinful nature lead you astray if you are depending on "signs" to guide you through life?
3. Do you believe in coincidences, or do you believe God's hand is behind every single thing that happens in your life? (Or are you somewhere in the middle?) What scriptural truths guide you in this area?
4. Sometimes it can feel like the resistances we experience in life are God's way of telling us to do something different. Why is that not always the case?
5. **Read Luke 23:8-9.** Based on what you can tell, what was Herod's motivation for wanting to see a sign from Jesus?
6. Read **Matthew 12:38-40.** According to verse 40, what is "the sign of Jonah" that Jesus came to give, and why is it the greatest sign possible?
7. What is God doing for you and communicating to you through...
 - A. Baptism?
 - B. The Lord's Supper?
 - C. The Scriptures?
8. What is something you're seeking God's guidance for right now? Which of the three things listed in #7 will help guide you the most?

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→ have you ever asked God for a sign?

#1 **Be cautious if you are looking for a sign.**

→ three reasons why

→ Pilate found an easy way out - **vs. 1-7**

#2 **Coincidences and resistances are not reliable indicators of God's will.**

→ Herod got a sign he wasn't expecting - **vs. 8-9**

#3 **The sign that you want might obscure the sign that you need.**

→ remaining silent through it all - **vs. 10-12**

#4 **What if God has already given the sign that you need?**

→ the signs that God will never obstruct

Bible Reading for Today

Luke 23:1-12

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."

³ So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

⁴ Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

⁵ But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

⁶ On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. ⁹ He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.