

Herod The “Not So” Great
Matthew 2:1-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Some people’s nicknames we understand (ex: William The Refrigerator Perry).
- B. Sometimes though, we can’t help but wonder how people got their nicknames (Vinnie the Microwave Johnson).
- C. One person with a nickname that might leave one wondering is King Herod (a.k.a. Herod the Great).

TAKE AWAY: *PRIDE IN ONE’S HEART WILL LEAD TO SIN IN ONE’S LIFE.*

PRIDE CAUSED HEROD TO SEE JESUS AS A THREAT (vs 1-7).

- A. Herod was afraid people might reject him as king and start following this “new” king.
- B. Pride will affect how we see and feel about people (Prov. 6:16-17; 16:5; Jam. 4:6).

PRIDE CAUSED HEROD TO BECOME ANGRY (vs. 8-16a).

- A. When Herod saw he had been tricked, Matthew records he became furious.
- B. Pride will affect how we respond when things don’t go our way (Prov. 11:2; 16:18; 29:23).

PRIDE CAUSED HEROD TO DO THE UNTHINKABLE (vs. 16b-18).

- A. Herod was known as a violent man. Caesar Augustus said, “It’s safer to be Herod’s pig than his son.”
- B. Pride will affect our lives with regret (Psa. 51:3; I Cor. 15:9; Eph. 3:8; I Tim. 1:15).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Nicknames can tell us a lot about a person. Unfortunately, with Herod, his nickname doesn’t tell the whole story.
- B. Herod the Great may better be known as Herod the “not so” great.
- C. May we learn from these not so good moments of his life so we can better serve our Lord.