

Our Compassionate King Shepherds His People

Matthew 14:1–21 | Andrew Belli

Thesis: Jesus is the great Shepherd King who compassionately cares for his people, both in this world and for eternity.

I. A Worldly King Throws a Feast (14:1–12)

- A. News of Jesus' Power Reaches the King's Palace (1–2)
- B. The House of Herod
 - 1. HEROD THE GREAT (Lk 1–2; Matt 2)
 - a. Herod Archelaus (Matt 2:22)
 - b. Herod Aristobulus
 - Daughter: **Herodias**
 - Son: Herod Agrippa I (Every Acts reference except 4:27 & 13:1)
 - Son: Herod Agrippa II (Every Acts reference to "Agrippa")
 - c. **Herod II / Philip** (Matt 14:3; Mk 6:17)
 - Married niece **Herodias**, had daughter **Salome**
 - d. **Herod Antipas** (Every Gospel reference except Lk 1–2 & Matt 2)
 - Married niece/sister-in-law **Herodias** after divorces
 - e. Herod Philip II (Lk 3:1)
 - Married niece/grandniece **Salome**
- C. *Flashback*: Herod vs. John the Baptist (3–12)
- D. *Foreshadowing*: Herod vs. Jesus (cf. Lk 23:6–12)
- E. Worldly Kingdom Ethics
 - 1. Pleasure
 - 2. Power
 - 3. Self-Preservation

II. The King of Heaven and Earth Throws a Feast (14:13–21)

- A. Jesus Withdraws from Galilee to Avoid Herod
- B. The House of David
- C. *Flashback*: God & the Israelites in the Wilderness
- D. *Foreshadowing*: Messiah's Heavenly Banquet (cf. Lk 14:15; Rev 19:9)
- E. Heavenly Kingdom Ethics
 - 1. Compassion
 - 2. Confidence in God's Power