

Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, August 23, 2015

A Few Good Men

Herod (The Not So Great At All)

Acts 12:20-25 (ESV)

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Why is there a little Herod in all of us?

Herod messes with God.

A. Herod wants praise.

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. (Acts 12:1-4 ESV)

B. Herod wants power.

Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. (Acts 12:20 ESV)

C. Herod wants to be God.

On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" (Acts 12:21-22 ESV)

What does God do with Herod?

God gives Herod the horns.

A. God ends Herod's plans.

Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there. (Acts 12:18-19 ESV)

B. God ends Herod.

Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. (Acts 12:23 ESV)

C. God wins in the end.

But the word of God increased and multiplied. (Acts 12:24 ESV)