

“The Herod's in Your Life”
Matthew 14: 1-14

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Verse 1 - 2

Herod is mistaken about Jesus

When you think **“Herod”**, think self-absorbed, an **“all about me”** personality – **EVIL!**

There are several Herod's mentioned in Scripture

All the Herod's had Edomite blood in them, like their ancestor Esau

The Herod's were hostile to the Jews

Herod Antipas was in charge of the Galilean area, where two thirds of Jesus' ministry took place

HEROD THE GREAT Luke 1-2, Matt 2

ARISTOBULUS

ARCHELAUS

HEROD ANTIPAS

PHILIP

Matt 2:22

(Tetrarch)
Every Gospel
reference except
Luke 1-2, Matt 2

Luke 3:1,
Matt 14:3

HEROD AGRIPPA I

Most of the Book
of Acts

HEROD AGRIPPA II

Every Acts reference
to "Agrippa" (Ch 25-26)



Verse 3 - 5

John challenged Herod's belief system

Herod Antipas, though ruthless, lived in fear

Mark 6: 20

Matthew 14: 5

Face to face, John challenged Herod's life and beliefs, and for taking his brother's wife

John spoke the truth, and it cost him his freedom and, later, his life

Verse 6 - 8

Herod makes an unwise oath

The enemy uses sexual lust to entice Herod

Herod, caught up in the moment, makes an unwise oath

He gives to Salome, the dancer, whatever she might ask

Salome turns to her mother, Herodias – *“What should I ask for?”*

Her response – *“Give me John the Baptist’s head here on a platter”*

Herodias hated John for confronting her lifestyle choice

Hate led to murder – *“I want his head!”*

Who is lurking in the background?

SATAN!

The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy

Verse 9 - 11

Herod cannot lose face

When “*Herod’s*” enter your life, and disturb your tranquility, you may wonder, “*What are you doing, God?*”

John the Baptist had a “*What are you doing, God?*” moment

Matthew 11:2-3

²Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, ³And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

The right pressure at the wrong time, and anyone can doubt

REMEMBER: God is always at work around you, even when you feel forgotten

John died on time, *as God ordained*, and so will you, it's *the "plan"!*

Our assurance, our peace, our strength, will come at the time

Don't worry about this before the time

Remember, *it's the "plan"!*

Salome, Herodias and Herod were all tools in the hands of God to accomplish His “plan”

It was the same for Jesus – God’s “Plan”!

*“Truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy **Servant Jesus**, whom You anointed, both **Herod** and **Pontius Pilate**, along with the **Gentiles** and the **peoples of Israel**, to do whatever Your hand and Your plan predestined to take place.*

Acts 4: 27-28

Verse 12

Jesus, in His humanity, did not
know *the “PLAN”*

It is difficult for us to see Jesus as not knowing something

While here, He acted as the God/Man

Kenosis = the voluntary non-use of His divine attributes – Jesus set aside His omniscience, His all knowing, and did not know the “*plan*”



**But of that day
and hour no one knows,
not even the angels in heaven
nor the Son, but only the Father.**

Mark 13:32

**Jesus knows now – John 17:5 - Jesus prayed for
His glory to be restored**

**The “*plan*” was being revealed as He lived out
His life – *just like you and me***

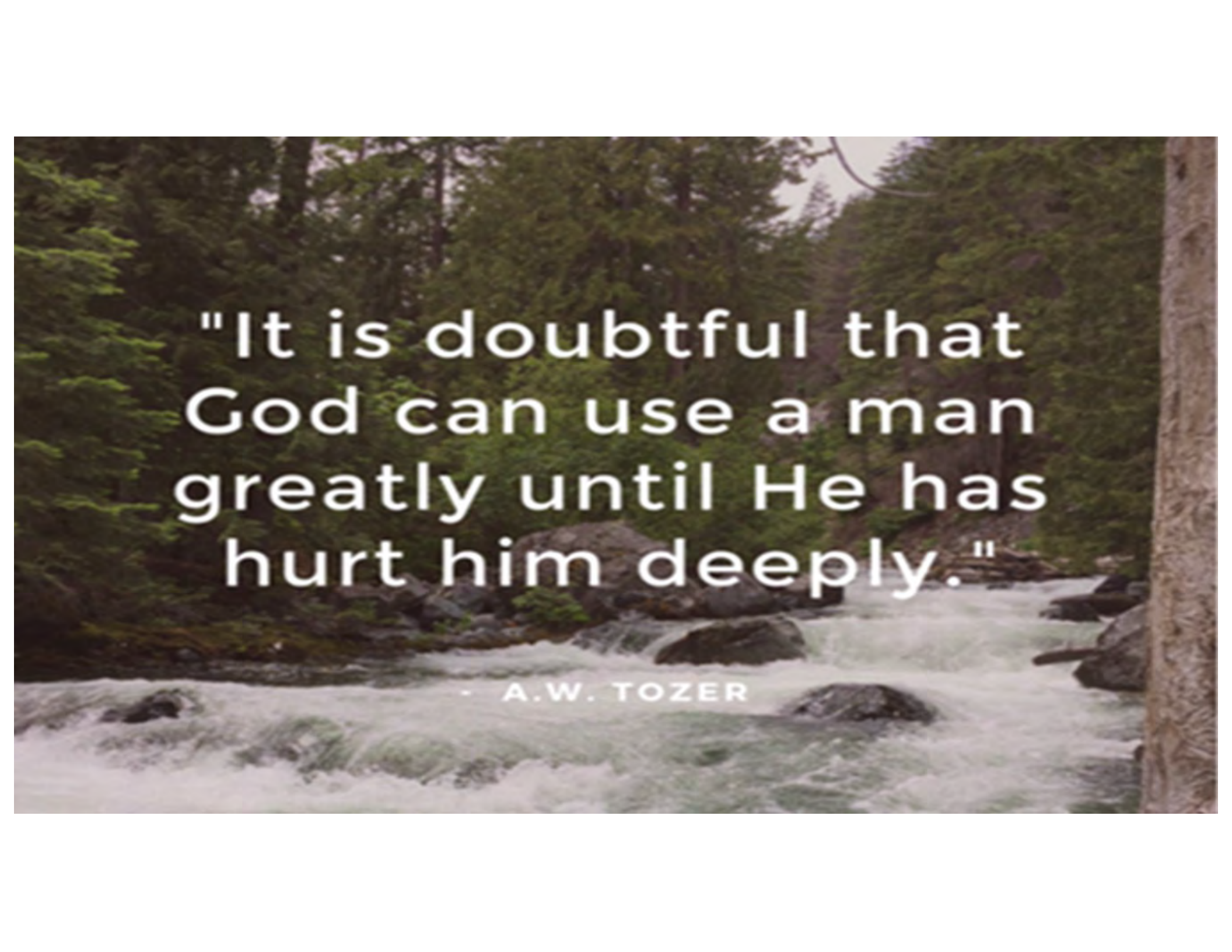
Verse 13 - 14

Jesus withdraws to a deserted place

911 – *Get alone with God!*

Find your quiet place where you meet with God

The “*plan*” may include the wilderness



"It is doubtful that
God can use a man
greatly until He has
hurt him deeply."

- A.W. TOZER



Before God can use a man greatly he
must wound him deeply.


— *Oswald Chambers* —

AZ QUOTES

In the wilderness, our lives are changed from self-focus to *God-focus*

In the wilderness, *God shapes us and molds us*

It is in the wilderness, where this world dims, its glitter diminishes, and *God becomes preeminent*



One of the
purposes of
the wilderness
is for God
to show you
that He is God.

Tony Evans

Be encouraged, that in all circumstances in life, *the Lord is with us*, and will never leave us nor forsake us!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Herod's are all over the place

Herod's disdain Jesus, the truth, and being exposed for who they really are

Herod's will try to eliminate any/all who oppose their will

Herod's are running our world!

Herod's cannot do all they want because the ***"Restrainer"*** is still here

The Holy Spirit filled Church *restrains* evil in this world

Herod's hate the ***"Restrainer"***

Now think about the ***"Herod's"*** in your life

Herod's can be a person, a situation, or some miserable thing you are going through

Jesus' words may help you deal with your ***"Herod"*** situation:

These things I have spoken to
you, that in Me you may have
peace. In the world you will hāve
tribulation; but be of good cheer,
I have overcome the world.

(John 16:33 NKJV)

“You may have peace”

May = meaning it is up to you to appropriate
peace

How?

*Dwell in Christ and find your rest
Your peace is in Him*

Take hold of the peace Jesus promised you!!

Stand fast

Don't be moved

***Allow the peace of God to
guard your heart!***

**Herod's hate it when you
*dwell in Christ!!***

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