

Sermon Discussion Guide:

# Jesus Before Herod

Scripture: **Luke 23:6–16**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, July 19, 2020

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## OVERVIEW

When Pilate finds out that Jesus is from Galilee, he quickly sends Jesus over to Herod since Galilee was his jurisdiction. Herod was glad to see Jesus because Jesus reminded him of John the Baptist and he also wanted to see Jesus perform miracles. Unfortunately for Herod, Jesus did not comply. In fact, the text says that Jesus made no answer. In response, the religious leaders continued to accuse him while Herod and his soldiers mocked Jesus. After this, Jesus was sent back to Pilate who was a rival of Herod. Due to both of their unjust treatment of Jesus, Herod and Pilate became friends. When Jesus arrives back to Pilate, Pilate declares that both him and Herod had found Jesus not guilty of the charges presented. Both Pilate and Herod were right in that Jesus was innocent, but were wrong in the way they treated him. They were right about who Jesus *wasn't*, but wrong in who Jesus *was*. **You can be right and still be wrong.**

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## CORROBORATING TEXTS

John 3:19; Matthew 14; James 2:14-7; James 2:19-20; Isaiah 29:13; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod?
2. Why is Herod so glad to see Jesus?
3. What are the three ways that Pastor Joe shared in which Christians can be right—but still wrong? Do you see yourself struggling in any of these areas? [*dead faith, weak theology, and loveless arguments*]
4. What questions can we ask in order to see if our faith is dead or alive? [1) *Do you repent?* 2) *What is my confidence before God?* 3) *Does my faith work?*]
5. What are the two types of people who can have weak theology? [1) *The hobbyist – less about knowing God and more about just knowledge;* 2) *The Hypocrite – teaches truths that they have no intention of experiencing themselves*] Do you see yourself in either of these groups?
6. What happens when we only focus on beating someone in an argument? Have you been guilty of this?