

TOP 10

BIBLICAL
VILLAINS

KING
HEROD

The background of the text features a dark, textured brown and gold gradient. In the center, there are several dark silhouettes of figures, possibly biblical characters, standing in a line. A bright, golden light source is positioned behind the figures, creating a strong glow and casting long shadows. The overall aesthetic is dramatic and cinematic.

Sunday, August 13, 2023, 11:15am
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Top Ten Biblical Villains...King Herod

*Paranoid, cruel, and barbaric, King Herod was so jealous of Jesus' birth that he ordered all babies under the age of two to be slaughtered.
His name means 'heroic', though he was anything but.*

Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,

C: the God of my salvation.

P: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

C: and I am saved from my enemies.

P: In my distress I called upon the Lord;

C: to my God I cried for help.

P: From His temple He heard my voice,

C: and my cry to Him reached His ears.

P: Let us consider our unworthiness and come before Almighty God and confess our sins.

C: I confess, Lord, forgive my pride and turn me to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for me. Forgive my self-centeredness and inaction, and move me to tell the Good News as You provide opportunity. Forgive my weakness of faith and enable me to follow where You lead the way.

P: All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His Almighty power was shown in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness, weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love have been forgiven for Jesus' sake. As a called and ordained

servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Heavenly Father, comfort us with the message that Your rule is good for the whole Church and also for each of us as Your children; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Job 38:4–18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 10:5–17

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel and Sermon Text, according to St. Matthew the 2nd Chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Matthew 2:1-16)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon ***King Herod***

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, we lift our voices in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray,

C: LORDS PRAYER.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Ministry Announcements