

Come, Follow Me

Matthew 3,  
Mark 1, Luke 3





John preaches: Matt. 3.1-12; Mark 1.1-8; Luke 3.1-20

John preaches in the wilderness





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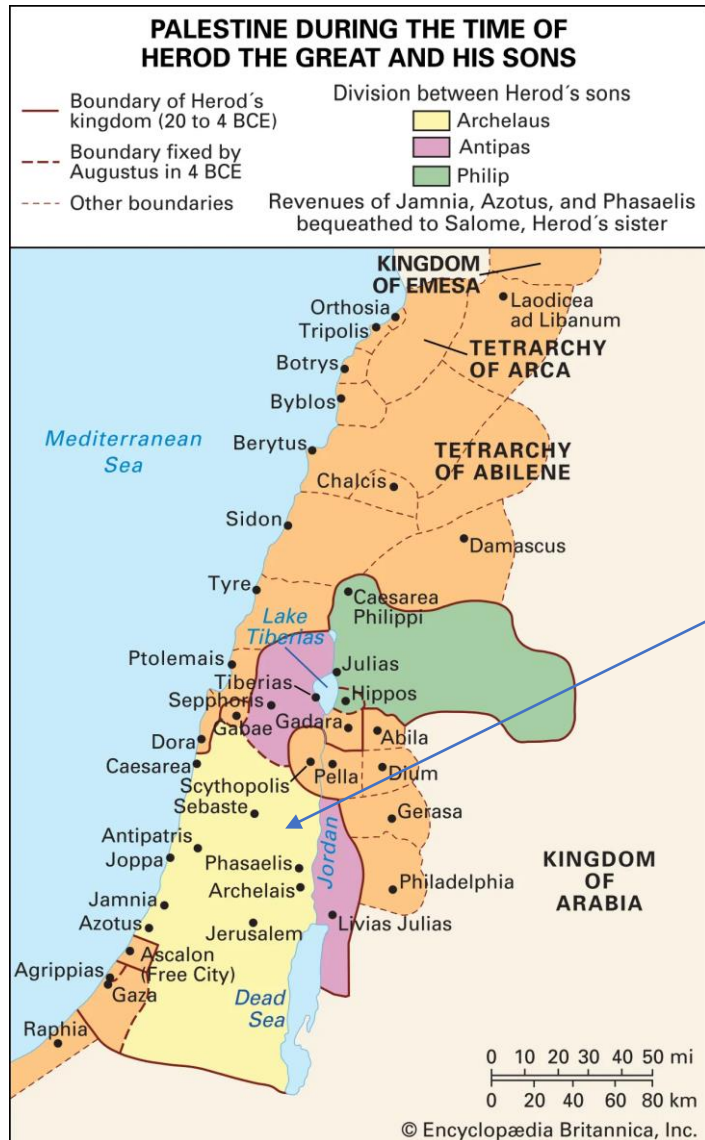


PALESTINE IN THE TIME OF JESUS, 4 B.C.-30 A.D.  
INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF HEROD, 40-4 B.C.

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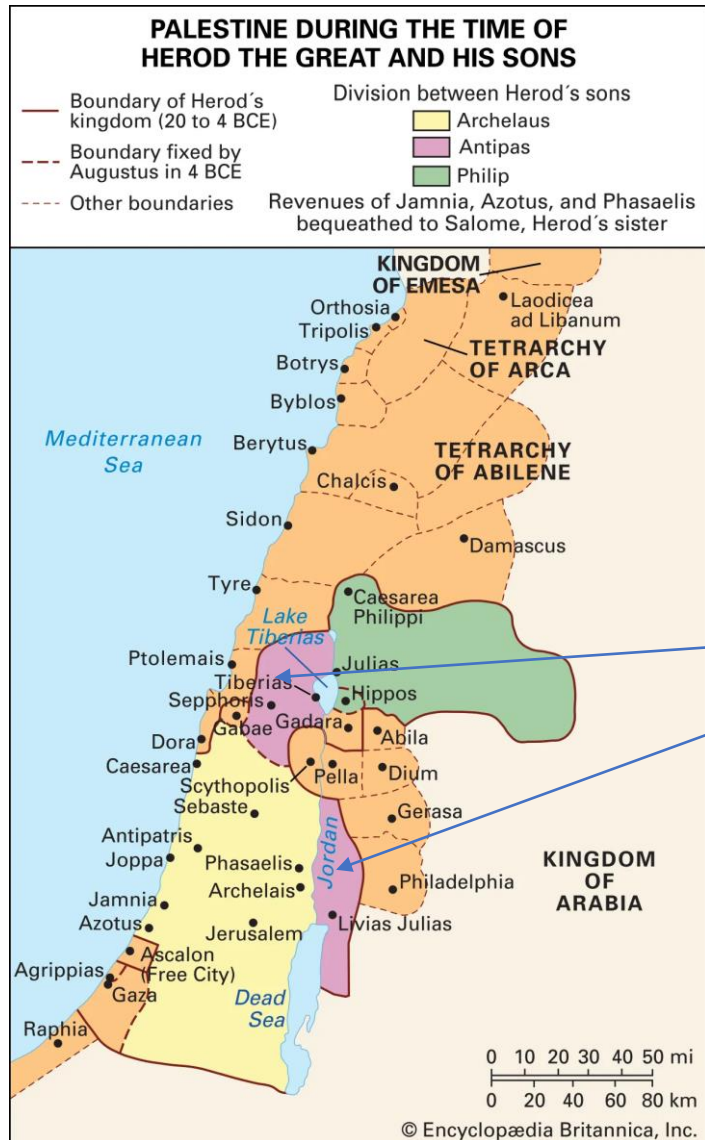
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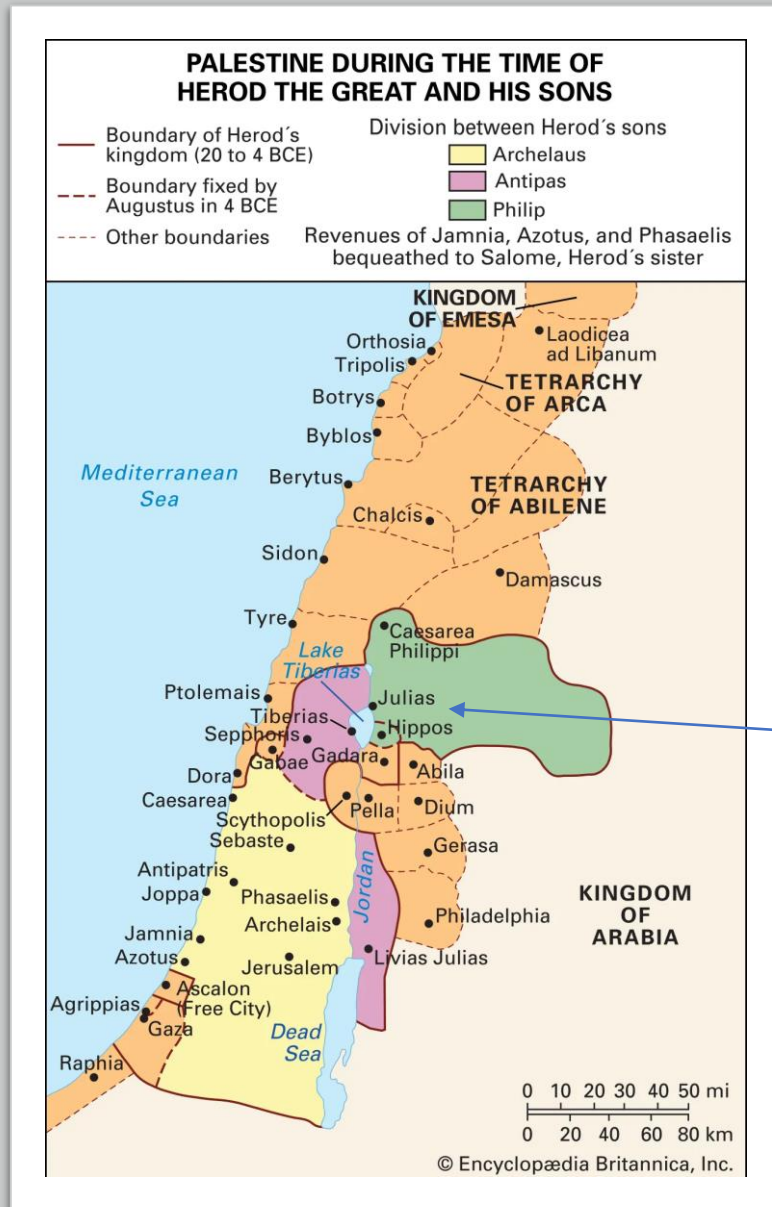
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The people ask, "What shall we do?" - Luke 3.10

He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. (Luke 3.11)



# Care for the poor

Elder Russell M. Nelson has observed that 'when the Lord sent prophets to call Israel back from apostasy, in almost every instance, one of the first charges made was that the poor had been neglected.' Thus, part of John the Baptist's message of repentance was, 'He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.' (Luke 3:11.)

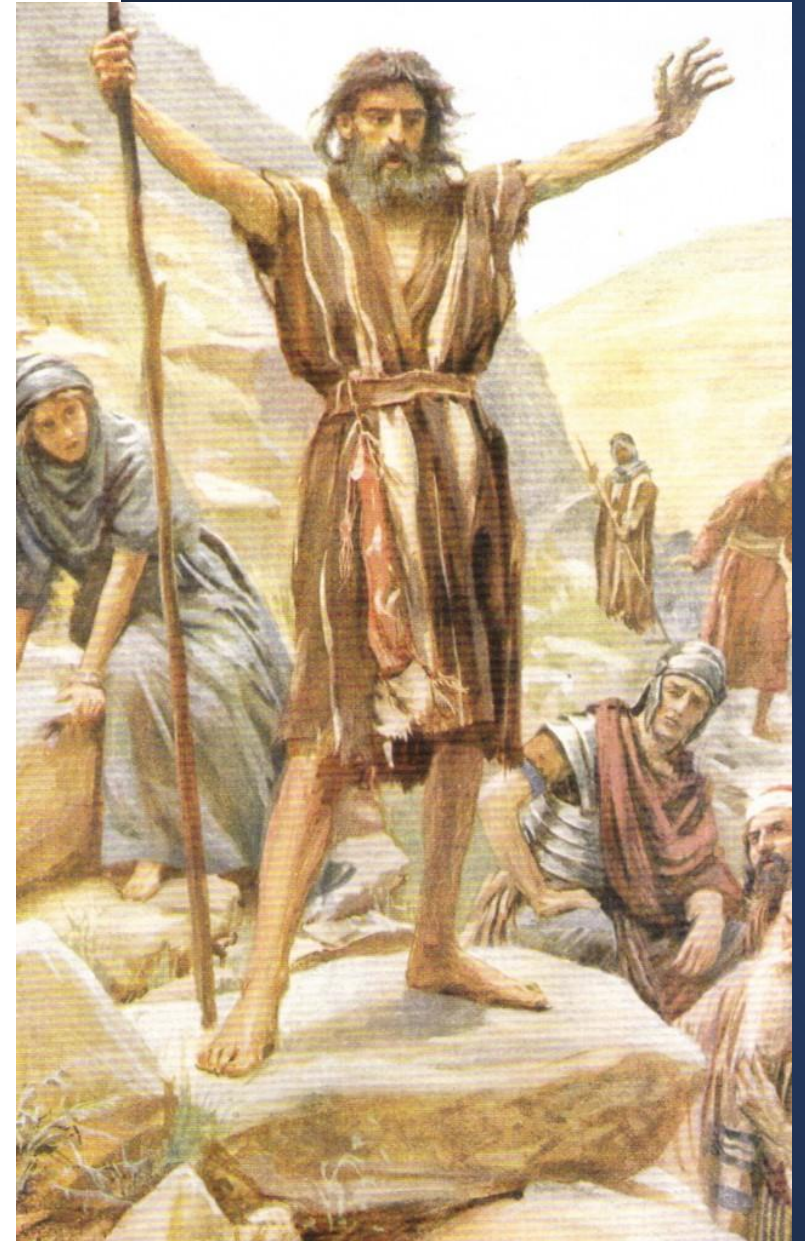
The prophets of the Book of Mormon taught that the care of the poor was the only way we could obtain essential blessings. The prophet/king Benjamin declared that we must impart of our substance to the poor, 'such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and administering to their relief' for the sake of 'retaining a remission of [our] sins from day to day, that [we] may walk guiltless before God.' (Mosiah 4:26.)"

Dallin H. Oaks, *The Lord's Way*, Deseret Book, 1991, p. 103.

# John preaches to the most hated: toll collectors and soldiers – Luke 3.12-14

Publicans: don't abuse your power (Luke 3.13).

Soldiers: be content with your wages and do no violence (Luke 3.14).



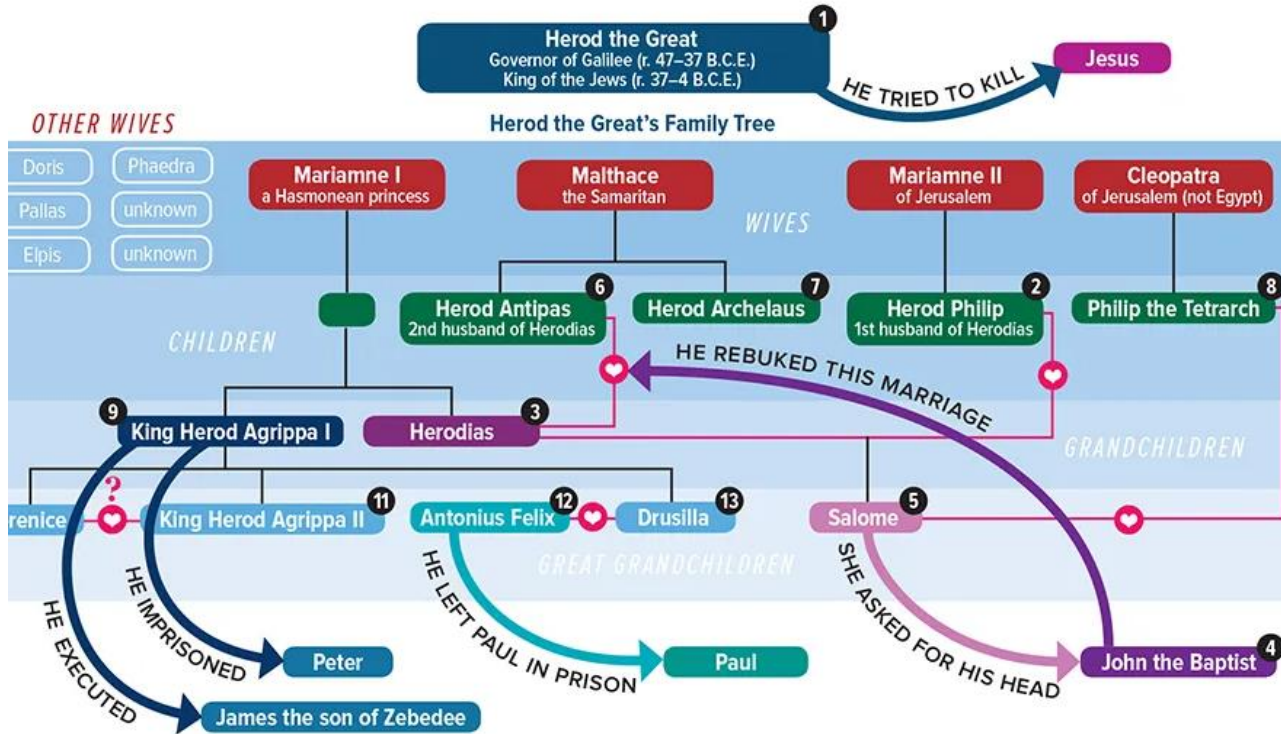




# John rebukes Herod Antipas and Herodias

Herod the Tetrarch (also known as Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great) is rebuked for taking his brother's wife Herodias. (Luke 3.19-20)

# The complicated nature of the family of Herod the Great



See: Day, [Herod the Great and the Herodian Family Tree](#).

See also: [How many Herods are there in the New Testament?](#)  
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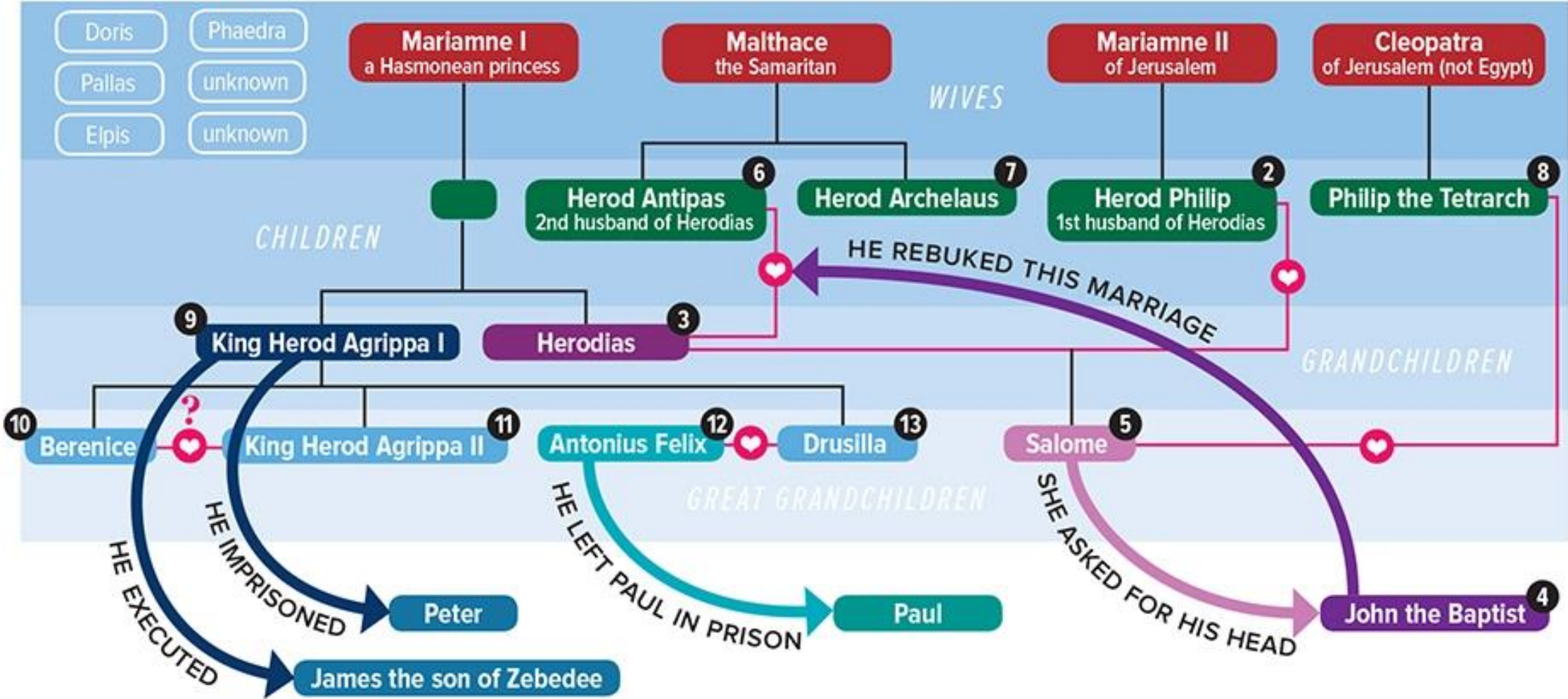
**Herod the Great**  
Governor of Galilee (r. 47–37 B.C.E.)  
King of the Jews (r. 37–4 B.C.E.)

**Jesus**  
HE TRIED TO KILL

*OTHER WIVES*

- Doris
- Phaedra
- Pallas
- unknown
- Elpis
- unknown

**Herod the Great's Family Tree**



# John baptizes Jesus


Matthew 3.13-17

Mark 1.9-11

Luke 3.21-22





A portrait of Neal A. Maxwell, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. The portrait is partially obscured by a white curved line that separates it from the text on the right.

## The genealogy of Jesus: Luke 3.23-38

“We can wait, as we must, to learn later whether ... Matthew's or Luke's account of Jesus' Davidic descent is correct. (See Matt. 1; Luke 3.) Meanwhile, the Father has, on several occasions, given us Jesus' crucial genealogy: 'This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’” Neal A. Maxwell, "[Out of Obscurity](#)," *Ensign*, November 1984, p. 11.