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Who is this Man?

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In the Gospel According to Luke (AD 60-61), Luke, a Gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities sharing scripture, teaching, forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, and raising the dead. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly preached the Kingdom of God. Jesus is nearly half way through His 3 year ministry when He sends His select 12 common men to heal and preach. Jesus impact became known to the common and to the royalty.

“ Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen again. Herod said, “I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?” And he kept trying to see Him.” (Luke 9:7-9 NASB)

Herod, the government leader was greatly perplexed by Jesus. Herod was the tetrarch and ruler of this region and was perplexed about who Jesus was. Herod was part of the Herodian family, a ruler, sometime called a king over a small division of the Roman Empire. He, like many others, wondered who this man they call Jesus is. Luke in this gospel is attempting to explain who this man Jesus was. This is neither the first time nor the last that the question would be asked. Jesus also asks the question, who do they say that I am (Mk 8:27-30; Mt 16:13)? All the Gospels attempt to answer this question. While Jesus had performed many healings and miracles, He gave the power and authority to His apostles and sent them to heal and cast out demons. The apostles gave credit to Christ for their abilities to heal and drive out demons because He was the power behind all that happen. Jesus is the God Man that perplexed Herod.

Inaccurate rumors spread. Luke describes that some described to Herod that this is John the Baptist, although scripture never records that John the Baptist ever did and miracles (John 10:41). Others said that Jesus was Elijah and others said that He was one of the prophets of old. Rumors spread because people did not want to concede that Jesus was Lord and the predicted Messiah. Herod was concerned because Jesus had also been described as King of the Jews and Herod considered himself as the King. Herod saw competition in Jesus.

Sinister motives. Many wanted to see Him for different reasons. Good and evil. Herod didn't ask about what Jesus' message was, because he understood it was about the Kingdom of God. Herod didn't ask about what He did because he healed people and drove out demons. Talk of a kingdom threatened Herod. Herod wanted to know who He was.

Road to the Cross. Herod was asking the questions that people ask today. Who is Jesus? Herod, like many today, based that answer on rumors and inaccurate information rather than on the truth found in His Word.

For Your consideration:

- Have you ever asked, “Who is this man, Jesus? Are you wondering, who is Jesus?”
- Are you working with truth or inaccurate rumors about who this man is? Scripture, the Bible, describes who Jesus is. Have you read it? Do you believe it?
- Who is Jesus to you? Is He someone other than Your Savior and Lord?

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