

# The Herodians

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The Romans allowed Palestinian natives to rule their own country under Roman authority. The principal ruling family in the dawn of Christian era was the Herodians.

### Herod the Great (34-4 BC)

- Appointed by the Romans as King of the Jews; descendant of Esau; He killed one of his wives, at least three of his own sons and according to Matthew 2 slaughtered the infants of Bethlehem.
- His greatest contribution to the Jews was the beatification of the temple in Jerusalem. It was in the process of completion during Christ's time (John 2:20).
- It was the third in the line of Temples (Solomon, Zerubbabel, and Herod)
- It was said, "Whoever has not seen the temple of Herod has seen nothing beautiful."
- Supposedly, he died of dropsy, Fournier's gangrene, and intestinal cancer.

### Herod Antipas

- John the Baptist rebuked him for marrying Herodias (his brother's wife) (Matthew 14:1-12)
- Had John the Baptist beheaded
- Jesus called him "that fox" (Luke 13:32), involved in the trial of Christ (Luke 23:7-12)

### Herod Agrippa I

- Grandson of Herod the Great
- Executed James and imprisoned Peter (Acts 12:1-3)
- Struck dead by the angel of the Lord (Acts 12:21-24)

### Herod Agrippa II

- Great-grandson of Herod the Great
- Involved in the trial of Paul (Acts 25 and 26)