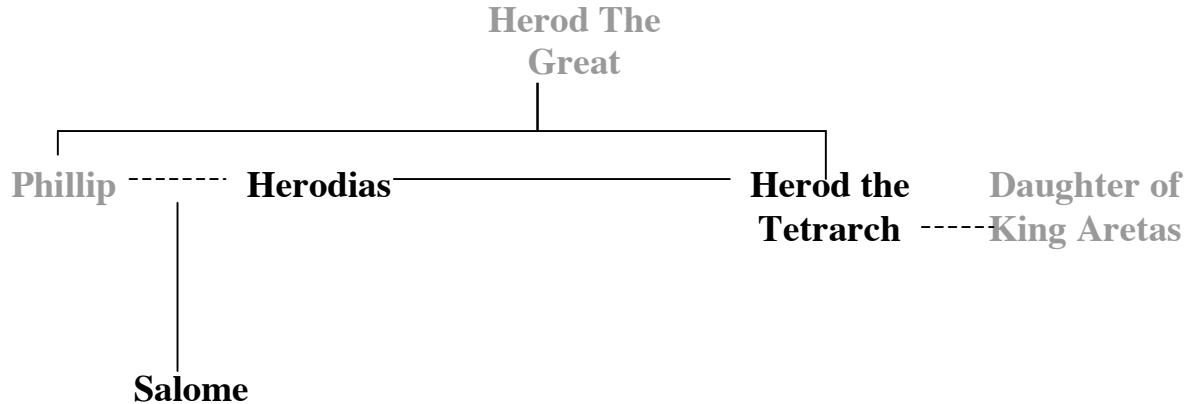


**Sunday, April 12, 2015**  
**Life Church**

Following Jesus Despite Rejection  
*Matthew 14:1-12*

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**Matthew 3:1-2**

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, “*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.*”

**Matthew 4:7, 12**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee., <sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, “*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.*”



**Hebrews 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**Questions to consider:**

1. When do I find myself fearing rejection? What would my life look like without this fear?
2. What Christian beliefs do I need help understanding or explaining to others so that I'm better prepared to talk to people about Jesus?