

Here's Your Sign

Meeting Jesus #10 of 13
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*“Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and **was hoping to see some sign performed by Him.** ⁹ And he questioned Him at some length; **but He answered him nothing.**”* Luke 23:8-9 (NASB)

Why did Herod want Jesus to perform a sign?

- Herod wasn't looking for a sign to point him in the right direction; he wanted Jesus to give a command performance!

Why didn't Jesus give Him a sign?

- Jesus came to preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God: not give command performances!

*“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, **we want to see a sign from You.**” ³⁹ But He answered and said to them, **“An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;** ⁴⁰ for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ “The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn **it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah;** and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² “The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because **she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon;** and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.”* Matt. 12:38-42 (NASB)

Why was that generation ‘evil and adulterous’?

- They got backwards ‘who was supposed to be working for whom’!

*“Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; ² this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, **we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.**”* John 3:1-2 (NASB)

Nicodemus got it right. Why?

- He didn't come to Jesus hoping to get Jesus to do something for him; he came to find out what Jesus wanted him to do.

Who are you more like, Nicodemus or Herod?

A quick test: How do you pray? ([Luke 11:2-4](#))

- Is your first request...
for God to bring His Kingdom;
or to ask Him to do things for you?

What did Jesus mean when He said He would only give them the sign of Jonah?

- He was speaking of His resurrection!

Here's your sign!

*“...who was **declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead,** according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,...”* Romans 1:4 (NASB)

3 Truths to remember every day:

1. The tomb is still empty!
2. Jesus is still Lord!
3. He requires all men and women to serve Him.

Are you following this sign... or are you looking for Jesus to do something else for you?