



# Daily Reflections

**September 28, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Luke 9: 7-9**

Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was greatly perplexed because some were saying, "John has been raised from the dead"; others were saying, "Elijah has appeared"; still others, "One of the ancient prophets has arisen." But Herod said, "John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?" And he kept trying to see him.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

Herod was a ruthless and paranoid despot. Although he had the title of "king", thanks to the Romans, he was nothing more than a puppet who ruthlessly ruled the Jewish people on behalf of Rome. Because of his paranoia, Herod wanted information about Jesus whom he may have considered a threat to his rule. He will get his chance to meet Jesus during the Passion. It is interesting that Herod will bring no charges against Jesus. As big as King Herod thought he was, he had no power to thwart Jesus' mission.

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## Food for your Journey

For Christians who seek to mold their lives of discipleship around what it means to follow Jesus, what Jesus was like should be of more than passing

interest. To follow Jesus means in some sense to be "like him," to take seriously what he took seriously.

--Marcus J. Borg, *Jesus: A New Vision: Spirit, Culture and the Life of Discipleship* (HarperOne), 1991, 16-17.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You are the Lord and Savior of all! Help me to become a more faithful and courageous servant. May I never miss an opportunity to imitate You. Amen.