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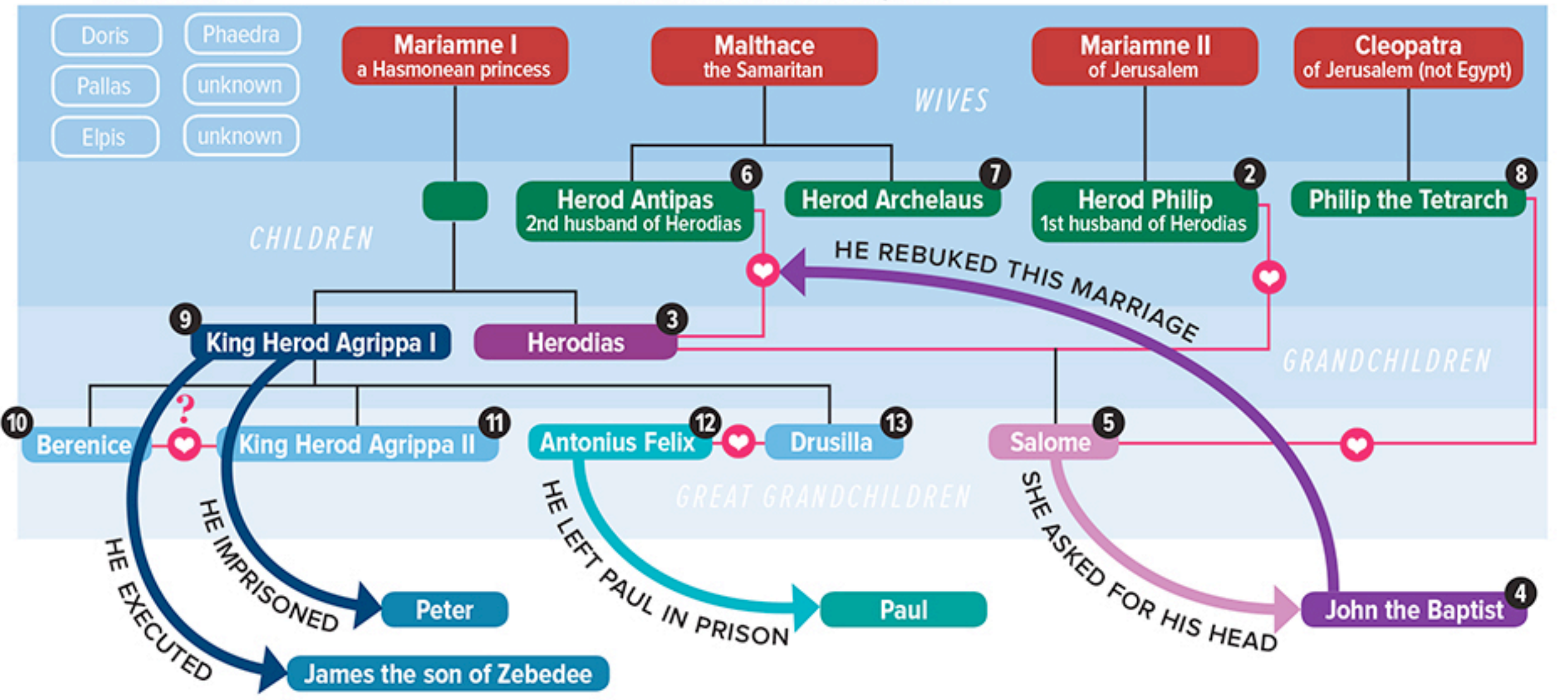
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Herod the Great
Governor of Galilee (r. 47–37 B.C.E.)
King of the Jews (r. 37–4 B.C.E.)

Jesus
HE TRIED TO KILL

OTHER WIVES

- Doris
- Phaedra
- Pallas
- unknown
- Elpis
- unknown

Herod the Great's Family Tree



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THE SPIRIT OF HEROD

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- Violence
- Abuse of Power
- Wary & Suspicious
- Vengeful
- Seemingly Untouchable & Untouched

Roots of the Spirit of Herod

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- **Contextual: Family of Origin**
- **Spiritual: Human Nature**

Biblical Parallels

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- Satan

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Pride & Playing God

The background of the image is a faded, light-colored aerial map of a city, showing street grids and building footprints. A semi-transparent teal layer is overlaid on the map. Two horizontal white lines are positioned near the top and bottom edges of the image, framing the central text.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

The background of the slide is an aerial photograph of a city street grid, overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color. Two horizontal white lines are positioned near the top and bottom edges of the image. The text 'Jesus' Humility' is centered in the middle of the slide.

Jesus' Humility

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The Church & Jesus' Humility

Acts 12 Parallels to Jesus' Story

- Timing: around Passover (roughly 10-11 years later)
- Political leader trying to please the Jews
- Peter falsely arrested
- The prison/tomb being sealed
- Strong guard placed to “make it as sure as you can”
- The disciples huddled together in fear
- Angel as part of the deliverance

Acts 12 Parallels to Jesus' Story

- News given to unlikely & confused messenger
- Their witness is initially met with skepticism
- The prison/tomb being sealed
- Disciples had to see for themselves
- Commanded to go tell others of the news of deliverance from death
- Peter & Jesus leave to go to another place
- Repercussions on the guards

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INVITATIONS

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Resisting the Spirit of Herod

The image features a background of a city's street grid, rendered in a light teal color. Overlaid on this grid is a semi-transparent teal rectangle that covers most of the frame. The word "Pride" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within the teal area. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a focus on urban planning and community identity.

Pride

There is one vice of which no man in the world is free; which every one in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people, except Christians, ever imagine that they are guilty themselves. And the more we have it ourselves, the more we dislike it in others....Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind...If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed.

CS Lewis

Signs of Pride

- Not wanting to talk with someone or spend time with someone because they don't measure up.
- Thinking, "they should have asked me to do that. I would have done that better."
- Waiting to turn the conversation to highlight something you have done.
- Feeling a good report from someone else's life threatens your worth
- For men: being particularly defensive about something pointed out to you by a woman
- For women: being particularly defensive about something pointed out to you by a man

Signs of Pride

- Hearing about someone else's problems and feeling better about yourself because it has not happened to you
- Hearing someone tell a story and waiting for your name to be mentioned or included in it
- Trying to serve God without prayer
- Thinking pride is not that big of a deal for you
- Not confessing sin unless you are backed into a corner and confronted

Signs of Pride

- Pride looks down on others
- Pride does not listen well
- Pride is stubborn
- Pride is not eager to learn because it is confident in what it already knows
- Pride is not quick to admit wrong because it fears it may look bad or lose its position
- Pride is competitive and easily threatened
- Pride is insecure
- Pride finds it hard to rejoice in the success of others

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The background of the image is a faded, light green aerial photograph of a city street grid. The streets are visible as a network of thin lines, and some areas are highlighted with a slightly darker green or brownish tint, possibly indicating parks or specific urban zones. A white horizontal bar runs across the middle of the image, containing the title text.

Embodying the Spirit of Christ

An aerial photograph of a city street grid is shown in a light, desaturated teal color. The word "Humility" is printed in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically on the map. The map shows various street patterns, including a prominent diagonal road and several circular features that could be parks or roundabouts. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

Humility

Humility is the noble choice to forgo your status, deploy your resources or use your influence for the good of others before yourself...Humility is social. It is not a private act of self-deprecation - banishing proud thoughts, refusing to talk about your achievements and so on. I would call this simple modesty. But humility is about redirecting of your powers, whether physical, intellectual, financial or structural, for the sake of others.

John Dickson

For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps. He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth; when He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He was suffering, He did not threaten but entrusted Himself to the One who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:21-23

Benedict's Ladder

1. Fear of God & mindfulness of him
2. Doing God's will, not your own or other people's
3. Willing to subject ourselves to the direction of others
4. Patience to accept the difficulty of others
5. Radical honesty about your own weaknesses & faults
6. Deeply aware of being the chief of sinners
7. Speaking less
8. Transformation into the love of God