



HEROD LIKED A GOOD SERMON

"When Herod heard him he would be very perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him." (Mark 6:20)

What was it like to hear John the Baptist preach? We don't know exactly what he sounded like, but the gospels record some of what he said:

- *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!"* (Matthew 3:2)
- *"Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"* (Luke 3:7)
- *"The axe is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."* (Luke 3:9)

John was no ear-tickler or people-pleaser. He was bold, uncompromising, fearless. A case in point: he rebuked Herod for his unlawful relationship with Herodias, his brother's wife, "and all the evil things he had done" (Luke 3:19).

Maybe Herod liked to listen to John because not many people had the courage to speak to Herod the way John did. Presumably, that kind of honesty would have been rare in Herod's court. We can imagine Herod surrounded by an entourage who flattered him and fawned on him and tiptoed around him. Then, like a thunderclap at a picnic, John arrives and tells it like it is.

To hear John speak would have been a novelty at a time in history when there were no sermon podcasts, conference recordings, or YouTube channels to speak of. How different from our opportunity to hear the best and boldest preachers on earth with a few taps on a phone.

What did Herod like so much about John's preaching? Was it his conviction? His simplicity? His sincerity? His pithy use of metaphor? We don't know exactly. But we do know Herod liked to listen to him.

But he didn't like it enough to repent. That much became clear when, after having locked John up in prison for a while, Herod had him put to death as a result of a foolish vow he made at his own birthday party (Matt. 14:6-12).

I'd like to think I'm more like John the Baptist than Herod. But, I confess, it's often easier to like a sermon from one of my "preacher heroes" than it is to live

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it out. But listening to and liking the message is not enough:

"But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

Those who, like me, like listening, remember this: Herod liked a good sermon.

More importantly, remember the words of Jesus, the one whose sandals John said he was not worthy to untie:

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." (Matthew 7:24)

Praise & Prayer

May God grant us the grace to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only..." – James 1:22

Thank God for his faithfulness and power! "...He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

– Philippians 1:6

PRAY for the Francey family as they grieve the sudden loss of Shannon's father Frank Kasdorf this past Thursday.

PRAY for those who are in care homes, or sick in hospital. Grietje Brumm at Maples PCH; Lynda Dengate at Riverview; Sieglinde Glesmann at Holy Family; Abe Goertzen at Donwood Manor; Rose-Ann Lucius at Donwood Manor; Edgar Olney at Bethania; Egon Ulrich at Donwood Manor; Waltraut Woyke at Deer Lodge.

FALL BACK ON OCTOBER 31

Remember to set your clocks back by one hour before bed on Saturday night. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to an increase in Covid-19 cases in our neighbourhood, we ask that anyone visiting the church please make an appointment in advance. Please call our office: 204-338-1174, or Pastor Jon at 204-560-3671. Thanks for your cooperation.

We will be observing the **LORD'S SUPPER** on Sunday, November 1.

MASKS IN CHURCH: The current Government of Manitoba Health Orders *require* that masks be worn upon entering the church building, while standing and when moving about in church. Out of concern for the wellbeing of others, Council *recommends* that masks be worn also while seated during the service.

A **HEARING AID** was found in the sanctuary after the 9 am service on September 20. Contact the church office to claim.

SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY & MISSIONS PRAYER MEETINGS Join us as we discover The Adventure of Prayer! Thursdays at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room. October 22, November 5, November 19, December 3. Please make sure to register to attend with Jule Serger.

SMALL GROUPS Interested in getting to know others and growing as a follower of Christ? Join a small group at Rowandale! Contact Jason Unrau for more info: 204.461.5547 or jason_unrau@hotmail.ca

USHERS & GREETERS NEEDED If you are a Rowandale member and interested in serving in this way, please contact Cheryl Liessens: liessensad@gmail.com

UNION GOSPEL MISSION FUNDRAISING VIDEO In lieu of their annual fundraising banquet, UGM has produced a 36 minute video that shows how Jesus is changing the lives of those they serve in their seven ministries. There is an unlimited match for all donations given until November 9th. The video can be viewed using this link <https://youtu.be/R-Rylo1XDI>



CAMP NUTIMIK CALENDAR FUNDRAISER \$15 each. Call (204) 348-2551 or visit www.campnutimik.com to order.

November birthdays

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| 2 | Fyama Garcia |
| 3 | Zawadi Musanza |
| 3 | Gail Piper |
| 7 | Christoph Koebel |
| 8 | Mildred King |
| 8 | Ryan Nachtigall |
| 9 | Gordon Radtke |
| 9 | Dieter Sackmann |
| 11 | Angelica Szydlak |
| 12 | Hannelore Potschka |
| 13 | Helga Kahler |
| 17 | Steve Day |
| 18 | Rosemarie Winkler |
| 21 | Russell Friesen |
| 22 | Emily Kehler |
| 22 | Leonard Ulrich |
| 23 | Erika Unruh |
| 25 | Cliff Davie |
| 27 | Karley Daraska |
| 27 | Braedan Walker |
| 28 | Bob Harris |
| 28 | Evan Paschke |
| 30 | Andrea Koebel |

November anniversaries

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| 3 | Art & Karin Pauls |
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Operation Christmas Child BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE!

Bless children around the world without leaving home! Now more than ever, children need great joy! You can give boys and girls in need a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox packed from your computer or handheld device.

<https://secure.samaritanspurse.ca/campaign/donateabox/>

Or pick up shoeboxes to fill in the church lobby on Sunday after the service.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sign up to attend a Sunday morning worship service at 9 am or 11 am online at www.rowandale.ca, or call **204-338-1174**. For planning purposes, please sign up by Thursday at noon, before the Sunday you plan to attend.



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ALTERNATIVES TO IN-PERSON GIVING

1. Mail a cheque to the church or drop it off in the mail slot at the Rowandale Avenue entrance. 162 Rowandale Ave, Winnipeg, MB R2K 0A5
2. Contact our treasurer, Jason Nickel to get set up for regular withdrawals from your bank account (use this option only for regular, ongoing donations)