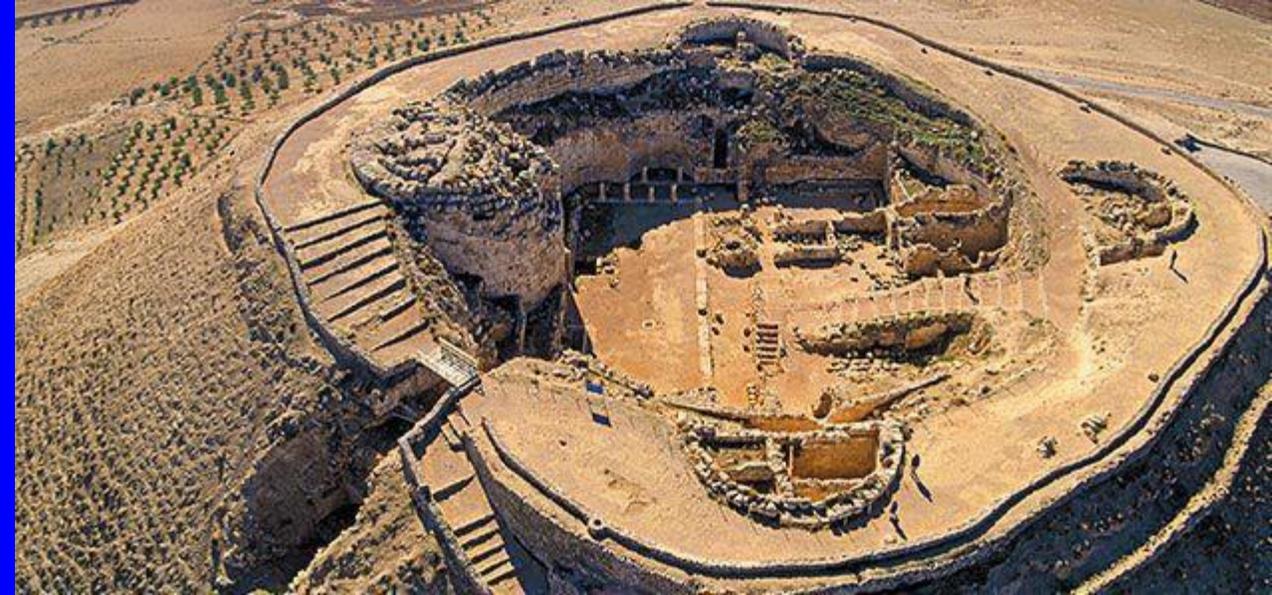


Finding King Herod's Tomb

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Herod's reign over Judea from 37 to 4 B.C. is not remembered for justice but for its indiscriminate cruelty. His most notorious act was the murder of all male infants in Bethlehem to prevent the fulfillment of a prophecy heralding the birth of the Messiah. **There is no record of the decree other than the Gospel of Matthew, and biblical scholars debate whether it actually took place**, but the story is in keeping with a man who arranged the murders of, among others, three of his own sons and a beloved wife.



Nicolaus of Damascus



Josephus

Eusebius, 4th century

Latin translation, 5th century

Complete manuscript, 11th century

Many have claimed to be God
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

How prove you're God?

Romans 4.17

God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.

Jesus staked His claim on the miraculous

John 10.37-38

If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me: but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in Him.

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John 2.18

What sign do you show to us, since You do these things?

John 2.19

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Jesus staked His claim on the miraculous

Matthew 12.38

We want to see a sign from you.

Matthew 12.39

As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Jesus is the only founder
of a religion who based
His claims on His
resurrection from the
dead.**

Did it happen?

The core facts: 1 Cor. 15.1-8

Christ died
was buried
arose
was seen

DIRECT EVIDENCE

EYE-WITNESS TESTIMONY

1 John 1.1-3

2 Peter 1.16-18

CROSS-EXAMINING THE WITNESSES

- 1. Did they have a reputation for integrity?**
- 2. What of their intellectual capacity?**
- 3. Did they have an ulterior motive?**
- 4. Does their testimony contradict itself?**
- 5. Is there corroborating testimony?**

