

Our Brilliant Hope

I. The Threat of Jesus

A. The threat to Herod - Matt. 2:3-18

B. The threat to the religious leaders - Mark 3:6, 11:18, 12:12, 14:1

C. The threat to unbelievers - Acts 4:1-13; 17:2-6

II. The Glorious Suffering of the Savior

A. Christ would suffer in His time - Matt. 16:21; Luke 9:22, 51

B. Christ would suffer as atonement for sinners - John 2:4;
Mark 1:15; Gal. 4:4-5; Isa 53:3-6

C. The Astonishing Victory of the Savior - Isa. 52:15

- What does the story of Herod's fear of Jesus teach us about our own fears and insecurities regarding our faith?
- What verses bring comfort to you concerning the providence of God and His sovereign control of the events in this world?
- When do you tend to doubt His control?
- In what ways do you feel that the message of Jesus threatens the norms of today's society?
- How can we actively respond to the threat that Jesus poses to our lives and the way we live?