

## Thought for the Day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

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### Whose tune and whose dance?

In my weekday daily bible reading, I read this passage this morning.

<sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. <sup>9</sup> He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.

- Luke 23:8-11

This is when Jesus was arrested and questioned, and as they were getting nowhere, they send him to Herod.

I was struck by how much Herod wanted to see Jesus.

He wanted Jesus to do some magic, something amazing, put on a show!

He had his own questions to ask.

But Jesus said nothing.

And when Herod does not get his own way He mocks Jesus.

None of us are like Herod.

But, do we expect God to dance to our tune?

Is our eagerness to pray, because we expect God to put on a show for us?

We are encouraged to ask for the things we need, and God is interested in it and always listens to us.

But what if He wants us to make a change in our lives, for our own good?

Are we open to hearing that?

When we pray, when we worship, are we open to the possibility of being changed?

To change our dance, to God's tune?

Or do we 'mock' God, and perhaps others, when we don't get our own way?