

Message Notes

The Worship of Jesus, the King

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - *The Manger Invasion!*
Philippians 2:5-8

Today's Message:
The worship of Jesus, the King! ~ Matthew 2:1-12

Four people. Four Reactions

Person #1 - Herod
Matthew 2:1, 4, 7-8

How it played out:
Matthew 2:16-18

Represents - *Power, Wealth, Control, Hatred*

Group #2 - "All the People"
Matthew 2:3-4

How it played out:
Matthew 27:24-26

Represents - *Following the Crowd, fear, not thinking*

Group #3 - The Religious Leaders
Matthew 2:4-6

How it played out:
Matthew 16:21, 27:38-43

Represents - *Creating a god in our image*

Group #4 - The Magi
Matthew 2:

How it played out:

Represents - *The unexpected and unlikely and unworthy to truly worship Jesus*

Gospel Application - *"This Christmas, which group are you?"*

Matthew 2:1-12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."
[Micah 5:2, 4]

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.