

## The Violence of Christmas

Matthew 2:1-23

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ gives us only two options: \_\_\_\_\_ up or \_\_\_\_\_ down.

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## QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. What is your favorite Christmas movie? Why?
2. Do you think *Die Hard* is a Christmas movie? Why or why not?
3. How can your life reflect the hearts of the wise men today? (How can you be faithful to keep seeking Christ? What do you have to be joyful about? What “treasure” can you offer Christ as an act of worship?)
4. How is your life reflecting the heart of Herod today? (Does the arrival of Jesus trouble you? Is your soul marked by indifference, hypocrisy, or anger? Are you hurting yourself or others?)
5. What is something you are grieving about right now? (What isn't right in your life or in the world?) How can the birth of Jesus comfort you and sustain you through your grief?
6. Take some time and pray for each other, focusing on our need to humble ourselves before Jesus as our King and bow down to Him.

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