

The Messiah is King

Matthew 2:1-12

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BIG IDEA: Jesus is the true Messiah and King, and his Kingdom will endure forever.

I. Characters

A. Wisemen

B. Herod

C. Chief Priests and Scribes

Matthew 2:1-4 | “1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, ‘Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’ 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.”

*Except where noted, all Scripture references are in the English Standard Version (ESV).

Matthew 2:5-6 | “5 They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Matthew 2:7 | “Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.”

Matthew 2:8 | “And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.’”

Psalm 2:1-6 | “1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

3 ‘Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.’

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 ‘As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.’”

Matthew 2:9-12 | “9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.”

II. How will you respond to the true Messiah and King?

A. Hostile

B. Indifferent

C. Worship