

# SERMON NOTES:

Series: Light of the World | Part 2: Toddler King

## Matthew 2:1-14, 16, 19-20 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of **King Herod**, Magi from the east came to **Jerusalem** <sup>2</sup> and 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.”

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was **disturbed**, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When 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.

<sup>5</sup>“In **Bethlehem** in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup>“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.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi **secretly** and found out from them the exact time the **star** had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He 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.”

<sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were **overjoyed**. <sup>11</sup>On 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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to go back to **Herod**, they returned to their country by another route.

<sup>13</sup>When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “**Get up**,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to **Egypt**. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to **kill him**.”

<sup>14</sup>So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,

## Matthew 2:16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup>When Herod realized that he had been **outwitted** by the Magi, he was **furious**, and he gave orders to **kill** all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

## Matthew 2:17-18 (NIV) [Jeremiah 31:15]

<sup>17</sup>Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

**Matthew 2:19-20** (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt <sup>20</sup> and said, “**Get up**, take the child and his mother and **go** to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are **dead**.”

**John 1:4-5** (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> In him **was life**, and that life **was** the light of all **mankind**. <sup>5</sup> The light **shines** in the darkness, and the **darkness** has not **overcome** it.