

## One Christmas One King

**Matthew 2:1-8** “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, 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.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “ ‘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.’ ” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 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.“

### When an unexpected new King arrives, it....

**Creates** \_\_\_\_\_ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.” (v.7)

**Luke 1:32-33** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

**Reveals** \_\_\_\_\_ 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.” (v.8)

**Mark 7:6-7** And he said to them, Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

**Matthew 2:12** And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.”

**Stirs Up** \_\_\_\_\_ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, **and all Jerusalem with him...**” (v.3-4)

### Once he learned the wise men tricked him...

**Matthew 2:16** Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in

Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.”