

## The King of Israel

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Matthew 2:1-18

Herod represents the power-hungry.

Matthew 2:3

When the power-hungry meets Christ, they are troubled.

Herod is there to remind us we are the power-hungry!

**When the power-hungry meets Christ, we plot to stay in power.**

*"I want atheism to be true and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the most intelligent and well-informed people I know are religious believers. It isn't just that I don't believe in God and, naturally, hope that I'm right in my belief. It's that I hope there is no God! I don't want there to be a God; I don't want the universe to be like that."* – Thomas Nagel, PHD.

James 2:19

Matthew 11:29

Matthew 2:16

**Our hold on power produces evil.**

Matthew 5:21–22

John 8:31–32