

Who is this King?



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The King Who Disrupts

Matthew 2:1-12

KEY IDEAS:

- 1. Jesus invites *everybody* into His kingdom:** The last people you'd expect are the first to worship Jesus.
- 2. Jesus' kingdom disrupts our own personal kingdom:** New life requires disruption.

APPLICATION:

- 1. Remember: Growth requires disruption.** *What in your life might Jesus want to disrupt?*
- 2. Live in God's upside-down Kingdom.** Jesus often inverts the priorities and patterns of our world. *This Christmas, how can you embrace Jesus' countercultural way of life?*
- 3. Expect God to do the unexpected.** God's goodness will often appear in ways that are different than you expect (or desire). *Are you willing to set aside your desires/plans to receive God's goodness in unexpected ways?*
- 4. Nurture awe and wonder this Christmas.** Marvel at the extraordinary humility of Jesus

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² 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."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ 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.

⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "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."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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."

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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