

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 10-29-23
Christianity 102 – Message 31 Part 2
Two Kings Collide

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) From the two love stories we were reminded –
- 2) From the two pursuits we asked ourselves some important questions –
 - a) What is it that you are pursuing? Running toward? Working for? Living for?
 - b) What is at the root of your pursuits?
- 3) The wise were not pursuing something they had lost but something they believed in.
- 4) Jesus was pursuing us.
- 5) What are you pursuing?

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) With the coming of the Deliverer, we have seen –
 - a) Unconditional love –
 - b) Amazing pursuits –
 - c) And now a look at two Kings that collide.

2. Two Kings Collide: Matthew 2:1-12

a. The Two Kings:

- 1) Herod the Great –
 - a) A king who looked out more for himself than others -
- 2) Jesus Christ –
 - a) The King who would lay down His life for others –
 - b) Matthew 2:2; Revelation 15:3; Revelation 17:14 and Psalms 24:7-10

b. What did King Herod do?

- 1) Verse 3 – he was troubled -
- 2) Application – Trouble, also known as difficult circumstances.
 - a) Why does it come our way?
 - b) For the unbeliever –
 - c) For the believer –
- 3) Herod called a meeting – Verse 4.
 - a) What would Herod do?
- 4) Why didn't the scribes and priests, who were close to Jesus' birthplace, go and worship Him?
- 5) Herod hears the truth – Verse 7.
- 6) Application – Herod had heard the truth twice.
 - a) While Herod had a lot of pleasure in things, he had no peace.

c. God – The true King of Kings – What did He do? Matthew 2:11

- 1) God sent His Son! Matthew 2:11 – and Matthew 1:22
 - a) Principle – God keeps His promise therefore God keeps all His promises.
- 2) God was also at work in ways that maybe we cannot always see. Verse 12
 - a) Principle – God protects, provides and guides if we will listen.
- 3) Step back here and look at the bigger picture of what is going on.
- 4) Application – There is a spiritual battle that rages. All the time in ways that are beyond our comprehension and even sight.
 - a) Ephesians 6:12 –

- b) Remember the story surrounding Moses' birth?
- c) Where do you think this decree to kill the baby boys came from?
- d. Herod decrees a death sentence on boy babies.
 - 1) Matthew 2:16 –
 - 2) Seems like Herod is acting just like his father – John 8:44
 - 3) Herod decreed a death sentence, what did God decree?
- e. God decree's that "by grace through faith" a person can be saved. Ephesians 2:8-9
 - 1) Sin is the problem here –
 - a) No other antidote for sin but Jesus Christ shed blood.
 - 2) Herod seeks to take life while God seeks to give life.
 - a) Herod tried to protect his kingdom; Jesus set aside His position.
 - b) Herod was protecting his life; Jesus gave up His.
 - c) Which King would you prefer to serve? Which King are you serving?
- 3. Can you learn something from such a familiar story?
 - a. You can if you look closer.
 - b. A couple of suggestions:
 - 1) First – The love of a King who in pursuing you gave His Son is the kind of love you should never get over.
 - 2) Second - When you see these two Kings collide, we see their motives, we see their hearts, we see their actions and how they line up with their pursuits, and we ask, why would anyone choose to follow after the worldly kingdom rather than a godly kingdom?
- 4. Today's Take Away:
 - a. From what you have heard and learned:
 - 1) How are you not compelled to respond to Him either for salvation or for forgiveness and praise?
 - b. Who is really in control of the drama of my life?