

SUMMARY

Our final Student Worship message before Christmas will be on the story of the wise men coming to visit Jesus in Bethlehem. These foreigners respond to the coming of King Jesus in worship while the religious leaders and Herod in Jerusalem are troubled at the word of a new King. We are challenged to be among the people who receive Jesus as King, not those who reject Him for the worldly power and comforts that His kingship would cost us.

TEXT

Matthew 2:1-12

OUTLINE

The coming of King Jesus demands the worship of all people.

Discussion Questions

- Who is Jesus and why is it important for us to receive Him?
- What comforts in your life might Jesus' kingship be a threat to?
- What has God given you in this life that He wants you to give up to honor His name?

Jesus is the Divine King who was promised for the whole world.

Jesus is...

- The Christ (1:1)
- The Son of David (1:1)
- The Son of Abraham (1:1)
- God with Us (1:23)

There are two responses to the coming of King Jesus.

1. Reject Jesus as a threat
 - to my authority (Herod)
 - to my comfort (The people of Jerusalem)
 - to be opposed (Herod's massacre)
2. Receive Jesus as a King
 - Those who receive Jesus as King...
 - Rejoice at His rule (v.10)
 - Worship in His presence (v.11)
 - Give what He deserves (v.11)

King Jesus is coming again. Will you...

- Reject Him as a threat or Receive Him as a King?
- Cling to your authority or Rejoice at His rule?
- Protect your comfort or Give what He deserves?