

Questions God Asked
"Where Is He?"
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Matthew 2:2 *"WHERE IS THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN BORN KING OF THE JEWS? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."*

I. FOR SOME, CHRISTMAS IS AN INSPIRING MESSAGE

Matthew 2:1 *"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."*

A. The REVELATION that came to them.

Daniel 2:48 *"Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon."*

B. The RESPONSE that came from them.

II. FOR SOME, CHRISTMAS IS AN INTIMIDATING MESSAGE

A. The CHALLENGE Jesus Represented.

Luke 6:46 *"Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"*

B. The CHANGE Jesus required.

Matthew 2:3 *"When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."*

III. FOR SOME, CHRISTMAS IS AN INSIGNIFICANT MESSAGE

Matthew 2:4 *"And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born."*

A. They had all of the FACTS.

Matthew 2:6 *"And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."*

B. They had none of the FAITH.

Luke 2:15 *"...Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."*