



# Encounter With Two Kings

Matthew 2:1-12 - November 30, 2025

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2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose<sup>[b]</sup> and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## Introduction

- True humility is a powerful force
- Christ's example
- Joy in humility
- Essence of Christmas (Phil 2:5-11)

## 1. Prophecy and a Sign —> Action (vs/1-2)

- The setting (v/1)
- (Incomplete) Prophecy (v/2)
- The star (v/2)
- Call to worship (v/2)
- Humility: Because signs and knowledge are not enough (1 Cor 1:22-23)

## 2. Encounter with King Herod (vs/3-8)

- Obedience without results (v/3)
- Unrest : "Read the Room?" (v/3)
- More Prophecy (vs/4-6) (Micah 5:2)
- Secret meeting (vs/7-8)

## 3. Encounter with King Jesus (vs/9-12)

- Return of the star (v/9)
- Rejoicing (v/10)
- Worship (v/11) (Phil 2:10)
- Treasure (v/11) (Matt 6:21)
- Divine intervention and return (v/12)

## Application Questions on the back —>

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For the following application questions, review your notes from the front.

## **SUNDAY after church...**

Think through the morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give. 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received. 3) List songs that touched your heart.

**MONDAY – READ & PRAY:** Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **THINK:** REVIEW: From our Spring/Summer study of James, share something that has stayed with you or a specific help you received.

**TUESDAY – READ & PRAY:** Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **THINK:** Why might Biblical humility seem to go against the grain of the world? How is Biblical humility a powerful force? Is it possible to be a follower of Christ without humility?

**WEDNESDAY – READ & PRAY:** Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **THINK:** How did the wise men demonstrate humility? How does humility manifest itself in your life? Why does humility bring joy? What might cause humility to ebb and flow?

**THURSDAY – READ & PRAY:** Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **THINK:** Can you think of times where you were in need of a sign, and the Lord provided one for you? Is there something right now, where you are looking for a sign of encouragement or direction? Is it wrong to be looking for a sign? When you feel you need a sign, what can you do?

**FRIDAY – READ & PRAY:** Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **THINK:** How would you define “worship?” Who benefits from worship, and how?

**SATURDAY – READ & PRAY:** Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **BUILD:** How can you encourage others this Christmas season as a result of our study in Matthew 2?

Our purpose is *to know...follow...and love Christ!*