

THE GOSPEL OF  
**Matthew**

What do you do when Jesus is revealed  
as King?

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<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east 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> Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

Matthew 2:1–12

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5 They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

6 ‘AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,  
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF  
JUDAH;  
FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER  
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.’ ”

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<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” <sup>9</sup>After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

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<sup>11</sup> After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

<sup>12</sup> And having been warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

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## The Wise Men from the East

- Possible route of the wise men from Babylon
- 900 miles, 120 days**

1 day's travel  $\approx$  17–23 miles per day

Traveling in a caravan and difficult terrain could reduce travel times down to  $\sim$ 6 miles per day





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Matthew 2:5–6

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God reveals Jesus two ways:

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1. Through Creation to the Magi in the form of a the star

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1. Through Creation to the Magi in the form of a the star
2. Through the Old Testament from the Prophet Micah and the Davidic promise

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Herod feels threatened and afraid to lose  
power and control.

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The Jewish religious leaders are informed, but unmoved.

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The Magi are earnest seeking outsiders.

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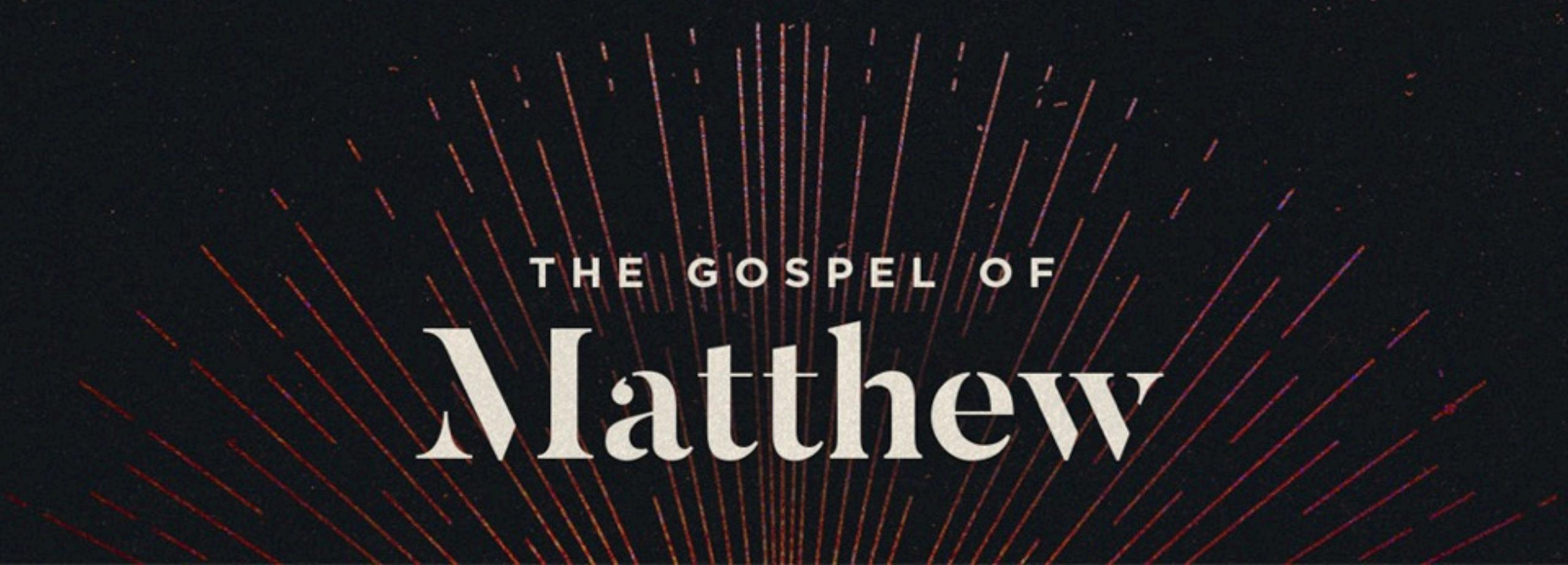
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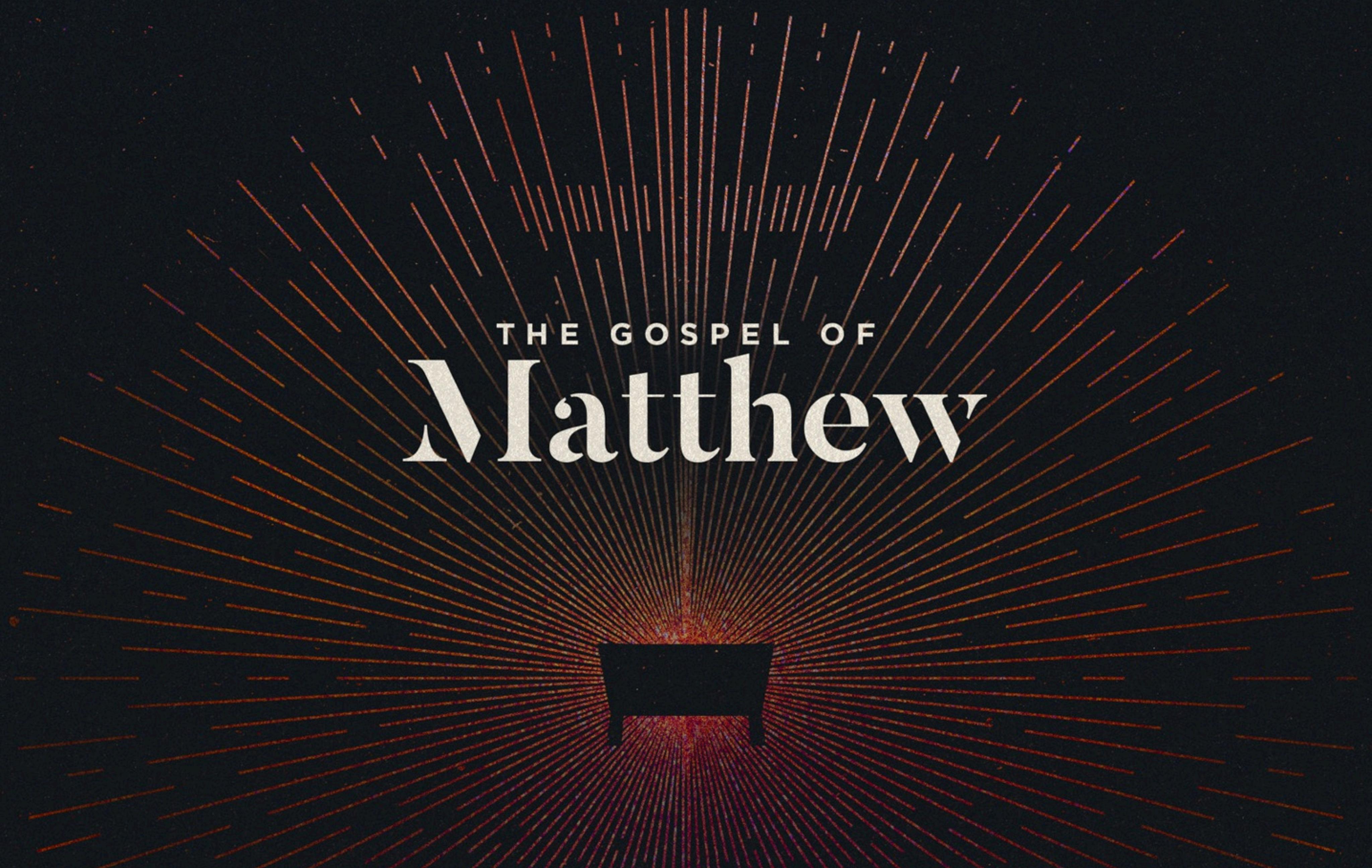
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What does worship look like in my life  
right now?



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