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Part 1: Jesus Is King

Matthew 2:1-12

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will start a Christmas series asking who is Jesus? Jesus is many things, but unfortunately, some of it is lost in the modern Christmas celebration. This week we will focus on the fact that Jesus was born as King of the Jews. We can see it in His heritage, we can see it in the prophecies that were written about Him, and we can see it in those that came to worship Him. Today we must remember that Jesus was not just any man. He was born as the rightful King. He is not just King of Israel, but He is King of all of heaven and earth.



Read Matthew 2:1-12 (NET)

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, in the time of King Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem ² saying, "Where is the one who is born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ After assembling all the chief priests and experts in the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem of Judea," they said, "for it is written this way by the prophet:

⁶ ***'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are in no way least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'***"

⁷ Then Herod privately summoned the wise men and determined from them when the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and look carefully for the child. When you find him, inform me so that I can go and worship him as well." ⁹ After listening to the king they left, and once again the star they saw when it rose led them until it stopped above the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star they shouted joyfully. ¹¹ As they came into the house and saw the child with Mary his mother, they bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their treasure boxes and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² After being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back by another route to their own country.

EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why would the Magi want to worship the King of the Jews?

9. How did Herod know the child would be in Bethlehem?

10. Why did Herod want to know where Jesus was?

11. Why did God send the Magi back a different way?

12. What do you think Mary was thinking when Magi from the east showed up to worship her baby?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Why is it important for us to see Jesus as King?

14. How does Jesus being King affect the way we see the cross?

15. How can we make sure we see Jesus as King during this Christmas season?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES