



Series: Majesty in a Manger
Passage Matthew 2:1-12
Title: Worship the King
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Discussion Starter

What did this sermon reveal to you about the relationship of knowing God's word and truly worshiping Him? What must be present and what must be missing?

God Reveals Himself to Those Who Seek Him (Matthew 2:1-2)

- Who is king Herod and why have the wise men come to him?
- Do you think that the wise men are students of God's word or are they followers? Give your reasoning for each case.
- What conflict can you see taking place in these verses as the wise men speak to Herod?
- How might the scriptures have pointed the wise men to be looking for Jesus? Read Numbers 24:17 and Romans 1:19-20. Discuss the potential significance that these verses may have had on these wise men from Babylon.
- Read John 4:21-26. The wise men were following a star to find the right place of worship. What does Jesus reveal about the right place of worship in these verses?

Herod's Response to the Wise Men's Visit (Matthew 2:3-8)

- Why was Herod and all of Jerusalem troubled by this visit? What do you see when comparing the response of Herod to the desire of the wise men? What lesson is applicable for us today?
- How do you see God using Herod and the Jewish party leaders? Why do think God led the wise men to Jesus in this way?
- What is the significance of Bethlehem and what was Herod's motivation for gathering these two groups of scholars together and then secretly speaking to the wise men? Read Micah 5:2-5. What insights do we gain from reading these verses?

Worship The King And Rejoice in the Blessings (Matthew 2:9-12)

- What is the significance of this star which the wise men see and how does it compare to other stars?
- What are some of the ways God shows Himself to people? How has God shown Himself to you? How has God asked you to follow Him?
- In your own words, what is today's application to us for this divine warning of the wise men not to return to Herod?