

Christmas 2020 Series
Week 5 Outline
12.27.2020
Matthew 2:1-12

A NEW KING IN TOWN

A Tale of Two Kings

Intro: *What does true wisdom look like?*

The Major People in the Account:

- Jesus the King,
- Herod the king,
- Chief priests and scribes of the people, and...
- Wise men from the east

I. Wise Watching and Waiting (v. 1-2)

Who are these men and what are they all about?

A. When? "...after Jesus was born..."

B. Who? "wise men..." (magi, kings, dignitaries; Psalm 72:10-11, Isaiah 60:3)

C. Where? "wise men from the east..."

D. What? "wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?..."

E. Why? "For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

II. Wise Walking by Faith (v. 3-11)

Why might there be two stops on this trip? A Tale of Two Kings

This trip has TWO stops and is an account of TWO Kings—King Herod and King Jesus...

A. 1st Stop — Herod the king (v. 3-8)

1. Ruthlessly protected political power
2. Consulted the "experts" (Micah 5:2, 2 Samuel 5:2)
3. Alarmed at the hint of a royal rival

4. Responded violently with insensitive death (Matthew 2:16)
5. The "Herod" in our lives... power and control? Any idols for that matter

B. 2nd Stop — Jesus the King, the King of all Kings (v. 9-10, Isaiah 9:1-7)

1. Wonderful Counselor, who guides and directs his people, whom we follow
2. Mighty God, who is the expert, the rock, the refuge, whom we hide behind
3. Everlasting Father, who welcomes us as children w/ arms wide open, whom we trust
4. Prince of Peace, who brings victory through His work on the Cross, whom we rest in
5. The Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for his sheep (John 10:10-11)

III. Wise Worship (v. 11-12)

What ought to be our response?

A. Indifference

1. See: chief priests and scribes
2. Trivial Trivia — Knowing About Jesus vs. Knowing Jesus
3. Excuses to Show Up to Hear, See, Receive and Know Jesus

B. Hostility

1. See: Herod
2. Threatened — Wanting Our Way vs. Wanting His Way
3. Refusal to Allow a Change in Way of Thinking and Way of Living

C. Worship

1. See: wise men (Luke 2:10-11)
2. Thankful Giving of Ourselves — Living in Scarcity vs. Living in Abundance

What might seeking God in my life throughout the coming year look like?

What am I seeking with all my head, hands, and heart?

3. Pursuit of King Jesus but more importantly the King Jesus' Pursuit of Us

Am I allowing King Jesus to pursue me?