

## Simple Christmas

Lesson Two • Matthew 2:1-12

### Simple King

#### The Simple Message of Christmas Is...

Jesus Christ the KING has come!

#### If You Want to Enjoy a Simple Christmas...

Then WORSHIP Jesus as your King!

#### Three Responses Toward Jesus Christ the King:

### 1. Like the Wise Men, Some People WORSHIP Jesus Christ the King!

*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, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2:1-2*

#### **Worshipping Jesus Means:**

Joyfully ascribing AUTHORITY and DIGNITY to Jesus with sacrificial gifts.

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:10-11*

### 2. Like King Herod, Some People OPPOSE Jesus Christ the King!

*When Herod the King heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Matthew 2:3*

#### **Jesus Christ the King...**

Is TROUBLING to people who do not want to worship Him.

### 3. Like the Religious Leaders, Some People IGNORE Jesus Christ the King!

*And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Matthew 2:4-6*

#### **So Close, Yet So Far!**

It's possible to celebrate Christmas and know about Jesus and still miss the simple message that Jesus Christ the King is COMING AGAIN.

#### **How will you respond to Jesus Christ the King?**

Are you with Herod or with the religious leaders or with the Wise Men?  
Are you hostile or indifferent to Jesus or are you worshipping Jesus as your King?