

THE ADVENT OF THE KING

Lesson Three • Matthew 2:1-12

The Adoration of The King

The Message of Christmas:

Jesus Christ the King has COME!

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, Matthew 2:1

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

Worshiping Jesus Means:

JOYFULLY ascribing authority and dignity to Jesus with sacrificial gifts.

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 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 2:9-11

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

The Deception of King Herod:

Herod pretended WORSHIP, but intended MURDER.

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." Matthew 2:7-8

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 message that Jesus Christ the King is COMING AGAIN.

The Invitation of Christmas:

Joyfully offer your life as a WORSHIPPER of Jesus Christ the King.