

The King is Worshiped

Matthew 2:1-12

Introduction: the background of chapter 1

- 1:1-17 gives us the human genealogy of Jesus

- 1:18-25 gives us the divine genealogy of Jesus

I. The Participants of the Story v. 1

A. Herod the Great

1. He was an Idumean or Edomite
2. He ruled Israel 37 B.C. - 4 B.C.
3. He was distrustful, suspicious, brutal

B. The Wise Men from the East

1. Not three kings from the Orient
2. They were Babylonian or Persian
- Daniel 5:11

II. The Particulars of the Story vv. 2-12

A. The inquiry of the King's birth vv. 2-3

B. The plan of Herod to destroy Jesus vv. 4-8

1. He asked about Messiah's birthplace
2. He was told it was to be Bethlehem
3. He asked the wise men to inform him

C. The activity of the wise men vv. 9-12

1. They worshiped the Christ child
2. They returned to their country another way