

12. Herod the Great was an Idumean or descendant of the Edomites, who were the offspring of whom?

13. When did Herod the Great die?

14. Since “B.C.” stands for, “before Christ,” then how could Herod die in 4 B.C. and still be the one talked about in this passage?

15. As strange as it sounds, Jesus was actually born when?

16. Herod was not only a distrustful leader, what other things describe him?

17. Were the wise men who came to see Jesus, three kings from the Orient?

18. Actually, these wise men were from what country?

19. It is highly probable that these wise men knew there was going to be a king born in Israel because of whose writings?

20. Where do we learn that Daniel had been promoted to the position of “chief of magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers?”

21. Where in Daniel is there a very specific prophetic prediction stating the time when the Messiah would be on the scene?

22. What is one reason why this group of wise men may have been a large group?

23. What question were the wise men asking?

24. How did the Jewish people view Herod?

25. Herod desired to win the favor of the Jews so he had what reconstructed?

26. What is the first reason why all of Jerusalem was upset?

27. Why would many of the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem have been disturbed and upset by the “birth of the King of the Jews?”

28. What is a possible 3rd reason why many residents in Jerusalem could have been disturbed by the birth of the king?

29. It is impossible to have what kind of response to Jesus? What is the only proper response to Jesus, the King?

30. Why did Herod ask the chief priests about the birth place of this king?

31. How did this group know where the Messiah was to be born?

32. Why did the chief priests and the scribes not bother to go to Bethlehem to check this out themselves?

33. Why did Herod want to know the timing of this event?

34. Did Herod really have an interest in worshiping Jesus?

35. How much different are you from Herod in relation to worshiping Jesus?

36. It is possible that Jesus was how old by the time the wise men came on the scene?

37. Did the wise men see Jesus in a manger or in a house?

38. How did the wise men respond when they finally found Jesus in a house in Bethlehem?

39. Who all did the wise men worship when they finally found Joseph, Mary, and Jesus?

40. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh were gifts, suitable for whom?
41. Who did the wise men avoid on their way out of town?
42. If anyone should have received Jesus, it should have been whom?
43. To believe in Jesus is to do what (as seen in John 1:12)?
44. The word believe is used 98 times in John's gospel and it means to what?
45. Are you hostile to Jesus, like Herod?
46. Are you indifferent to Jesus, like the chief priests and scribes?
47. Are you like the wise men from the east who came to bow before Him to acknowledge Him as their king?
48. Do you conduct every part of your life as proof that Jesus is really your King?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read Matthew 1:1-2:23
- 2) What is hermetics?
- 3) Look up the word, "typology" this week in a dictionary.
- 4) Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 and spend some time thinking about the truth of this verse.

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THE KING IS WORSHIPED

Matthew 2:1-12

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**The King Is Worshiped**". All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. How many wise men came to see baby Jesus in Jerusalem?
2. The vast majority of people who know about the Christmas story will say how many?
3. Do we know for sure how many wise men there were?
4. In Matthew 1:18-25, Matthew spells out, in very simple fashion, some of the circumstances surrounding what event?
5. Matthew 1:1-17 show us that Jesus is the Son of whom?
6. Verses 18-25 show us that Jesus is the Son of whom?
7. All the verses of chapter one demonstrate the fact that Jesus is the what?
8. Who gave Jesus the honor due to Him as a king?
9. How often does the name, "Herod" occur in the New Testament?
10. Are these all a reference to the same "Herod"?
11. Which Herod is referred to in Matthew 2:1?

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