



Carrollton Christian Fellowship

Matthew 2 Outline:

Main Theme:

- "Receiving the King" (verses 1-12) and
- "Reactions to the King" (verses 13-23).

1. Receiving the King (Matthew 2:1-12)

a. Verses 1-2: Arrival of the Magi

- i. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.
- ii. Wise men (Magi) from the East arrive in Jerusalem.
- iii. Inquiry about the new-born King of the Jews.

b. Verses 3-6: Herod's Reaction

- i. Herod troubled by the news.
- ii. Gathering of chief priests and scribes.
- iii. Prophecy from Micah 5:2 spotlighted.

C. Verses 7-8: Herod's Deception

- i. Herod's secret meeting with the Magi.
- ii. Instructions to find Jesus and report back, falsely claiming he wishes to worship Him.

d. Verses 9-12: Worship and Warning

- i. The star leads the Magi to Jesus.
- ii. Magi worship Jesus, presenting gifts (gold, frankincense, myrrh).
- iii. Divine warning to Magi not to return to Herod; they depart by another route.

Illustrations and Application for our daily life:

- The conflict and characteristics of the Magi and Herod.
- Comparing Magi's sincere quest with Herod's deceitful motives.
- Challenge: How far are you willing to go to let Jesus be the Lord of your life?

2. Part 2: Reactions to the King (Matthew 2:13-23)

a. Verses 13-15: Flight to Egypt

- i. Angel's warning to Joseph in a dream.
- ii. Immediate departure to Egypt to escape Herod's plot.
- iii. Fulfillment of prophecy (Hosea 11:1).

b. Verses 16-18: Herod's Wrath

- i. Herod's anger at being deceived by the Magi.
- ii. Massacre of male children in Bethlehem.
- iii. Connection to prophecy (Jeremiah 31:15).

c. Verses 19-21: Return to Israel

- i. Angel's message to Joseph after Herod's death.
- ii. Return from Egypt.
- iii. Fulfillment of prophecy and connection to Israel's history.

- d. Verses 22-23: Settlement in Nazareth
 - i. Fear of Herod's successor leads Joseph to relocate to Galilee.
 - ii. Settlement in Nazareth.
 - iii. Fulfillment of prophecy about Jesus being called a Nazarene.

Illustrations and Application for our daily life:

- Comparison of Joseph's consistent obedience with Herod's tyrannical fear.
- Emphasis on God's ongoing guidance and protection.

Applications and Reflections:

Key Points:

- Obedience to divine guidance as demonstrated by Joseph and the Magi.
- The cost of recognizing and receiving Jesus as King.
- Various human reactions to divine intervention (worship vs. hostility).
- The importance of immediate obedience and faithfulness.

- The fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies validating Jesus' kingship.

Questions for Reflection:

- How do you respond to the revelation of Jesus in your life?
- What are you willing to lay down to make Jesus King over your life?
- How do you discern and respond to God's guidance daily?

Thoughts:

- The importance of recognizing Jesus as King and responding with worship and obedience.
- Seeking God's guidance and be willing to follow God's path, even when unexpected.
- Matthew 2 is incredibly relevant to our lives today.