

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –01/12/26

Matthew - Lesson 2
Matthew 2:1-23

1. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Interestingly, who were the first to acknowledge Jesus as king? Where did they come from? What is their significance in light of the prophecy of Isaiah 49:6? Why did they come to Jerusalem?
2. These men presumably came from a long distance requiring considerable time, cost and effort on their part to find Jesus. At what cost of time and effort are you willing to seek to know and worship Him?
3. What was Herod's immediate response? Why? (v. 3-4) Though he claimed he wanted to worship him, what was his ultimate purpose?
4. How did the chief priests and teachers of the Law know where the Christ was to be born? (See Micah 5:2.) Does knowing scripture in itself lead to knowing Jesus? Why or why not?
5. What was the response of the Magi when they found Him? Why did they not return to Herod?
6. Read Matthew 2:13-18. What action did God take to preserve His son? What was Joseph's response? (vv. 13-14) How does Matthew connect this to the fulfillment of biblical prophecy? (See Hosea 11:1)
7. How is Herod an illustration of the terrible extent men will go in order to get rid of Jesus Christ and the hostility He will face in his adult life? Do we (fallen humanity) really want a king? Why or why not?
8. Read Matthew 2:19-23. How did Jesus end up in Nazareth of Galilee? (see John 1:45-46, John 7:41-42)
9. What does Matthew teach us about the accuracy of scriptural prophecy and the sovereignty of God in this chapter? How do those truths apply to your life?