

FOUR RESPONSES TO CHRISTMAS

Matthew 2:1-12

Christians have different responses to Christmas; we must refuse to look down on those who _____ from us
Our culture has wondered so far that they must be instructed that Christmas celebrates the birth of _____

INTRODUCTION: 3 UNUSUAL ELEMENTS IN THIS STORY

A. Herod

- 1) Herod Was a _____ King
- 2) Herod Was a _____ Leader
- 3) Herod Was a Paranoid _____

B. The Wise Men or the _____

- 1) The Magi Were Not "We Three _____ of Orient Are"
- 2) The Magi Were _____ Scholars
- 3) The Magi Traveled Hundreds of _____ to Pay Homage to a New King

C. The Star

- 1) The Star Was Not a _____ Phenomenon
- 2) The Star Was a _____ Sign
- 3) The Star Was _____ Star

THEME: THIS STORY IS ABOUT HOW HUMAN BEINGS MUST RESPOND TO THE NEWBORN _____

I. SOME ARE _____ BY THE NEWS OF JESUS THE KING

- A. This Group Had No Personal _____ in King Jesus
- B. This Group Was Troubled Because Someone Else Was _____
- C. This Group Was Troubled Because King Jesus Might Cause Them _____

II. SOME HAVE _____ KNOWLEDGE BUT CANNOT BE BOTHERED

- A. The Chief Priests and Scribes Made a Great _____ of Religion
- B. The Chief Priests and Scribes Had Genuine Bible _____
- C. The Chief Priests and Scribes Was Completely _____ to King Jesus

III. SOME CLAIM TO _____ KING JESUS BUT IN REALITY HATE HIM

- A. Herod Was Interested in the _____ ... for His Own Ends
- B. Herod Made a _____ of Desiring to Worship King Jesus
- C. Herod Sought to _____ Jesus and All That He Had Come to Do

IV. SOME GO THE GREAT _____ TO SEEK AND FIND KING JESUS

- A. The Magi Sought Out the Savior until They _____ Him
- B. The Magi Acknowledged the _____ of King Jesus
- C. The Magi Presented _____ Fit for a King