

## Matthew 2:1-23 The Rightful King of Humanity

**Because Christ was revealed as the rightful King of humanity all will respond with believing worship or with anxious warfare.**

### 1) Christ was revealed as the rightful King of humanity.

- a) The Star (v. 2; Num. 24:15-17)
- b) Bethlehem (vv. 5-6; Micah 5:2)
- c) Nazareth (v. 23; Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12)
- d) The Wise Men foreshadow the mission to the nations.
- e) **Application:** The Church's mission to proclaim Christ the King.

### 2) Some will respond with believing worship.

- a) The Faith of the Wise Men:
  - i) Following the Star (v. 2)
  - ii) Following the Scriptures (vv. 6-9)
- b) The Worship of the Wise Men:
  - i) Motivated by faith (v. 2)
  - ii) Full of joy (v. 10)
  - iii) Humble (v. 11a)
  - iv) Tangible (v. 11b)
- c) **Application:**
  - i) Faith in Christ and His Word (Fruit of faith/ Humility/ Obedience)
  - ii) Joy of being brought to Christ.
  - iii) Worship the King!

### 3) Some will respond with anxious warfare.

- a) The Anxiety of Herod (v. 3a): The Fear of a Rival
- b) The Anxiety of Jerusalem (v. 3b): The Fear of Inconvenience/Conflict
- c) The Pretense of Herod (v. 8): Feigning Piety to Protect Autonomy
- d) The Fury of Herod (vv. 16-18): A Heart to Murder God
- e) Results: Death, Generational Curse, Corruption of Others
- f) **Application:**
  - i) Warning!
  - ii) Hope of God's grace
    - (1) repentance
    - (2) Prayer for rebellious
    - (3) Prayer for God's Kingdom

**Doxology:** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness. (Psalm 96:9-13)