

“O Worship the King”

Matthew 1:1-2:23

Practical Lessons we can learn from the account of the Birth of Christ Jesus in Matthew 1-2.

1A. We Should Acknowledge Him as King – 1:1-2:9

Presenting *Christ Jesus as King* is a central theme to the entire Gospel of Matthew. The focus on *Christ Jesus as King* goes all the way from His birth (2nd chapter) to His death (2nd last chapter).


1B. This is Genealogically Proven to be True – 1:1-17

2B. This is Prophetically Proven to be True – 1:18-23

3B. This is Practically Proven to be True – 2:1-9

2A. We Should Worship Him as King – 2:10-11

1B. The Attitudes Involved

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- 1C. Anticipation {the Magi} – 2:1-2
 - 2C. Anxiety {Herod & the People} – 2:3
 - 3C. Apathy {Scribes} – 2:4-5
 - 4C. Antagonism {Herod} – 2:7-9; 16ff.
 - 5C. Adoration {the Magi} – 2:10-11

2B. The Individuals Involved

1C. The Scribes

2C. Herod

3C. The Wise Men – 2:10-12 – “they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy”

- ✚ Worship – joy filled worship
- ✚ Giving – joy filled giving
- ✚ Obedience – joy filled obedience

3A. We Should Respond to Him as King – 2:12-23

1B. The Two Kings – 2:1-11

1C. Herod – the acting king

2C. Christ Jesus – The True King

2B. The Response to the True King – 2:11-23

1C. We Should Joyfully Worship Him – *no matter what it costs* – **And it could cost**

2C. We Should Joyfully Give to Him – *no matter what it costs* – **And it should cost**

3C. We Should Joyfully Obey Him – *no matter what it costs* – **And it will cost**

Once you come into a personal relationship with Christ – you lose control

- ✚ It cost Joseph his well-earned reputation – 1:18-23
- ✚ It cost Joseph his security (as a provider) – 2:13-15
- ✚ It cost Joseph his stability (as a family leader) – 2:19-23

But whatever it costs you to obediently follow Christ, it is & always will be worth it.