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He's Not My King!

Pastor Cory Anderson | Matthew 2:1-12

Read Matthew 2:1-23

1. Why was king Herod and all Jerusalem troubled when they heard the news of the birth of the king of the Jews? (See Mt. 2:3).

2. What sort of investigating did Herod do to find out more about the birth of Jesus? (See Mt. 2:4-7).

3. What 'motivation' did Herod give to the wise men for his inquiry into the birth of Jesus (Mt. 2:8)? What was his real motivation (Mt. 2:3, 12-18)?

4. Why did Herod reject Jesus as king?

5. What does Herod's inquiry regarding the birthplace of the Messiah say about his belief in the prophets (Mt. 2:4-6)? Does he believe in them? If so, then what does that say about his desire to kill Jesus the Messiah?

6. What O.T passage did the chief priests and scribes cite as evidence that the Messiah would be born in Jerusalem (Mt. 2:5-6)?

7. Matthew 2:4-6 does not explicitly say that the religious leaders were indifferent to the birth of Jesus, so why did Pastor Cory accuse them of this in his message?



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8. Why were the religious leaders indifferent to the birth of Jesus?

9. Herod had reasons for his hostility, and the religious leaders had reasons for their indifference. Do you know anyone who is hostile and/or indifferent to Jesus? What might be their reason(s)? How might you help them overcome this?