



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - March 10, 2024

## I. Royal Recognition – 2:1-2

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."*

### A. The Origin of the Magi

### B. The Objective of the Magi

## II. Royal Opposition – 2:3-7

*When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him (2:3)*

### A. The Fear

### B. The Fast Action

## C. The False Front

### III. Royal Worship – 2:8-11

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him (2:10-11).*

#### A. Worship that explodes

#### B. Worship that exposes

## *Life Group Study Notes*

### *The Magi Visit*

#### *Matthew 2:1-23*

1. The Magi are often thought of in simplistic terms. What did you learn about them that was new and helpful to your understanding Matthew 2?
2. What is significant about the Magi arriving and asking to see the "king of the Jews"? What was the role that the Magi performed when it came to Kings?
3. The star that the wise men followed has be attributed to many things? What do you think Matthew 24:30 indicates that the star might have been?
4. Herod was "rightly disturbed" because of his long history of establishing power and authority. How does his response to Christ inform us of where sin will take you?
5. What is the significance of the three gifts the wise men brought to Jesus? How do they paint an amazing picture of worshiping the King?
6. God's dramatic angelic protection of His Son is amazing. How does God utilize them to intervene in a timely fashion.
7. The spiritual war against Christ rages all throughout this passage. How do we see it specifically in the slaughter of the babies in Bethlehem?
8. What new confidence in your King have you gained from this study?