

Messiah Adored

Matthew 2:1-12

1. Setting the stage (vss. 1-2)

The main characters

The star

The location

2. Herod the Great (vss. 3, 7-8)

Agitated because Messiah interferes with his self-worship

Unfamiliar with Scripture

Hypocrite (feigned worship)

A warning to those who have much invested in this world

3. Chief priests and scribes (vs. 4-6)

They know the Scripture

They are unexcited about and indifferent to the coming of Messiah

They join in Herod's (the world's) agenda

A warning to those with religious privilege and head knowledge

4. The Magi (vss. 9-12)

They are drawn by God, even if they are the most unlikely candidates

They are true worshippers

They do not join in Herod's (the world's) agenda

He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters. (Mt 12:30)

Are you with Christ, like the Magi who were true worshippers, or like Herod and the indifferent scribes, are you against Him?