

An open Bible is shown from a top-down perspective, slightly angled. A hand is visible on the right side, with the index finger pointing to a specific verse on the right page. The text in the Bible is mostly illegible due to the dark background and focus on the title. The title 'Responses to Jesus as King' is centered over the Bible in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, the text 'Matthew 2:1-12' is also centered in a smaller, white, serif font. The overall lighting is dim, with the Bible's pages appearing as light gray shapes against a dark background.

Responses to Jesus as King

Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew 1-2

- 1:1-17 – ancestral origin of Christ
- 1:18-25 – physical origin of Christ
- 2:1-23 – geographical origin of Christ



Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 (ESV)

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”

Matthew 2:5–6

“They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

The Arrival of the Wise Men

Why would Gentile wise men, possibly from hundreds of miles away, be interested in traveling so far to worship a baby Jewish King?

The Arrival of the Wise Men

1. The Magi were from the East
2. 500 years before Jesus was born, there were some Jews who were taken as captives to live in the East, first under the Babylonian Empire then under the Persian Empire (Daniel 1 & 5)
3. Daniel was one of those Jewish captives who lived in the East and rose to a position of great influence and that as a prophet, he prophesied about the time of the coming of the Messiah, 483 years later (Daniel 9:25).
4. The word Magi shows up in Daniel 2:2, 10. These magi are listed with other enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers in the king's court in Babylon.

The Alarm of King Herod

Matthew 14:26

“...when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea and it says, “they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear.”

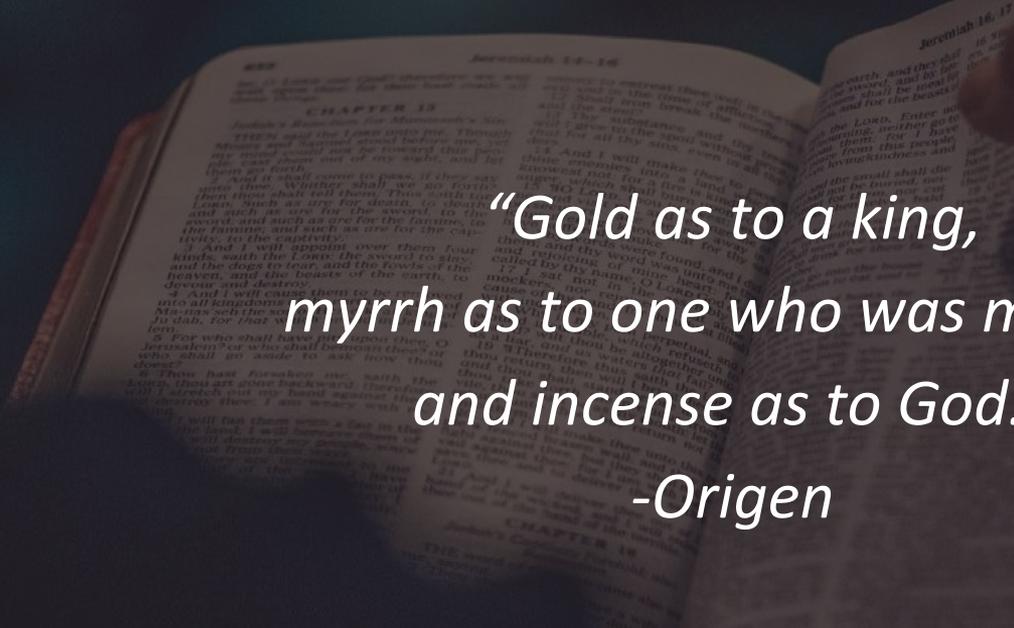
John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

The Adoration of Baby Jesus

“Gold as to a king,
myrrh as to one who was mortal,
and incense as to God.”

-Origen



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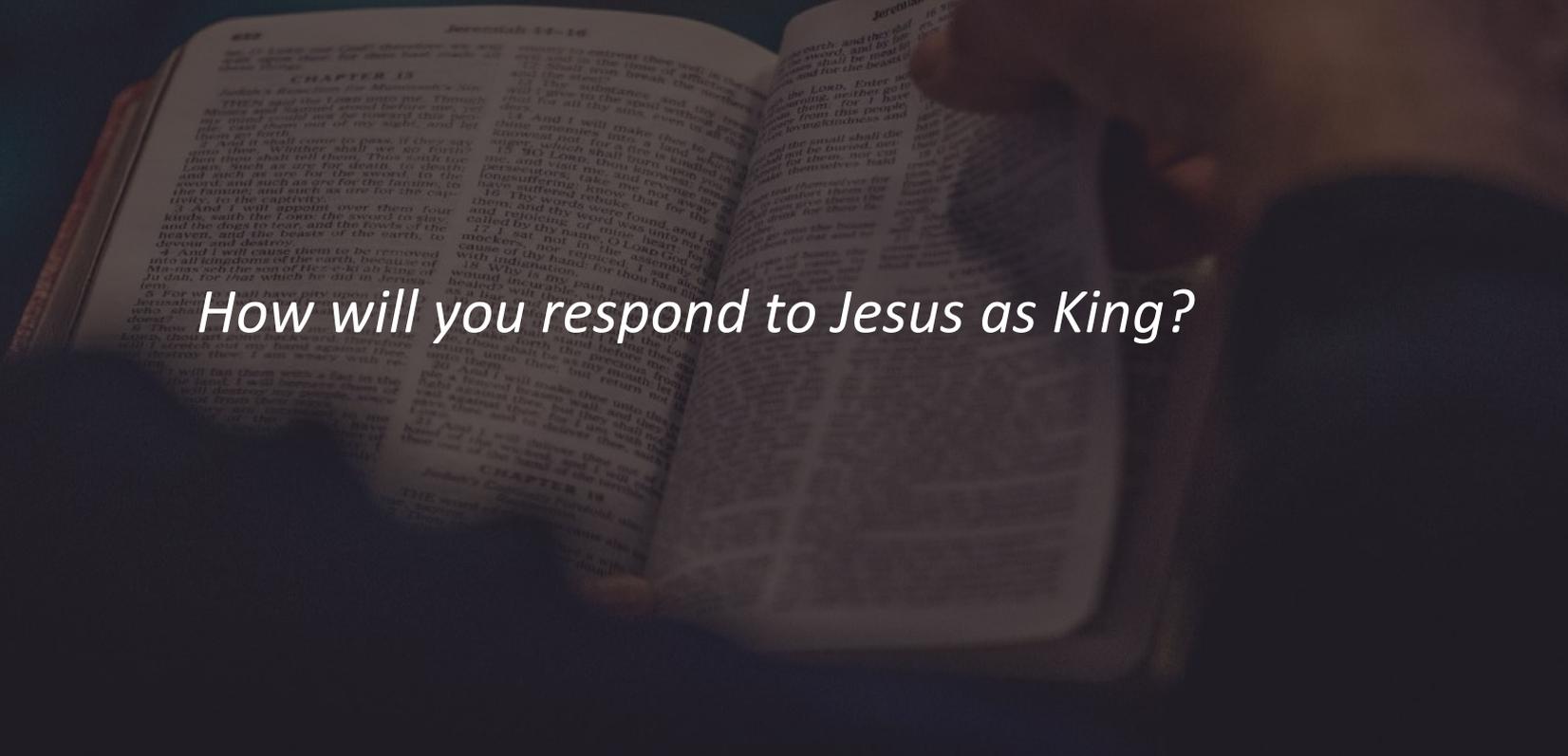
Why was Jesus still in Bethlehem at this point?

The Response of the Wise Men

- Looked (2)
- Traveled (2)
- Searched (8)
- Rejoiced (10)
- Bowed (11)
- Worshipped (11)
- Opened (11)
- Offered (11)
- Departed (12)



Our Response



How will you respond to Jesus as King?