

Christ the King -- Worshipped and Feared

Sermon 2 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 2:1-23

I. The Visit of the Wise Men 2:1-12

A. The King of the Jews 2:1-2

1. A King at his birth.

Psalm 72:1-2 – the entire Psalm is Messianic – **8-11**

Isaiah 60:3 – *The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.*

2. How did they know to link the star to the birth of this king?

B. The Uproar 2:3-6

1. Herod the Great (37 bc – 4 bc) was troubled –because of political ambition.
2. The entire town was troubled.
3. The Religious Leaders testify of the Christ
Matthew 2:6 is almost an exact quotation from **Micah 5:2**.
But is not just Micah 5:2 that is quoted – notice the last phrase
“who will shepherd...” that is quoted from **2 Sam 5:1-2**.

C. Herod the Politician 7-8

D. Mission Accomplished 9-12

1. Once again the star appeared and once again the star led them.
2. All nations will bow before him.
Psalm 86:9 – *“All nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord.”*
3. Once again, God uses “a dream” to convey his truth.

II. The Flight into Egypt 2:13-15

A. Another dream – to Joseph again.

B. Another form of prophecy – type and antitype (typology)

1. God told Abraham his seed would be in bondage—but they would be delivered.
2. The antitype is (what the type points toward) – God determined to fulfill His promise to the world that the Christ would come and be delivered from Egypt.

3. The first deliverance anticipated the second.
 - The first deliverance did not accomplish all that was intended.
 - The people were not brought into the fullness of salvation and eternal rest – as we saw in Hebrews 4.
 - Christ accomplished what Moses and Joshua could not accomplish in the first Exodus

III. The Horrible Slaughter of the Young Children 2:16-18

Jeremiah 31:15.

Rachel – the mother of Joseph and Benjamin.

Ramah – In the context of Jeremiah – Rachel – figuratively weeping from the grave for the captivity of Jerusalem – and the suffering of her descendants -- many of whom were taken and held in Ramah by Nebuzaradan.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

We saw this passage quoted in Hebrews 8 and 10.

The type is the slaughter under Pharaoh which ultimately gave rise to the Exodus and God’s deliverance under Moses.

The antitype – God’s true deliverance under the Messiah.

IV. Return to the Land 2:19-23

A. Another Dream – It Is Time to Leave Egypt. 19-21

B. Jesus the Nazarene 22-23

1. Where is it found?

There is no OT passage that even mentions Nazareth.

2. What does it mean?

There are a host of OT Scriptures that talk about the lowly coming of Messiah.

John 7:46-52 -- No prophet from Galilee (wrong, Jonah was!)

John 1:45-46 – Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

Barnes states, “To come from Nazareth, therefore, or to be a Nazarene, was the same as being despised or to be esteemed of low birth.”

Isaiah 53:2b-3 -- He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.*

Philippians 2:5-8