

MISSING CHRISTMAS

Message 2 A Threatened King

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► Outline

Today's Message based on Matthew 2:1-18.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod...

Matthew 2:1 (NLT)

Threat to Herod revealed through...

1. Rejection of _____.
(Matthew 2:1-5a. C/R: Micah 5:2,4; Matthew 16:24-26;
Luke 6:46)

2. Resorting to _____.
(Matthew 2:7-12. C/R: Matthew 15:8; Titus 1:16;
1 John 2:4)

3. Responding with _____.
(Matthew 2:13-18. C/R Jeremiah 31:15; John 7:7;
15:18-25; Romans 1:28-32; 1 Thessalonians 5:19)

Answers: 1. ruler 2. deceit 3. rage

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. Take time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

What town(s) did you live in when you were growing up?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 2:1-8](#).

1. Why do you think Herod was disturbed to hear that the wise men were looking for a *newborn king of the Jews*?
2. Why do you think the people of Jerusalem were disturbed when they heard about a *newborn king of the Jews*?
3. How do you think Herod got the idea that this new baby might be the *Messiah*? ([vs. 4](#))

Read [Matthew 2:13-18](#).

4. Why do you think Herod wanted to kill the child who was potentially the Messiah? (vs. [13](#), [16](#))
5. How did Herod's desire to kill the child affect others?

6. The Messiah has been born and wants to give you real life by becoming the King of your life.
 - a. How might someone be threatened by that news?
 - b. Why might someone be thankful for that news?
 - c. How does that news affect you?

Soul Training

Ask God to point out something that you're holding back from Him. Confess that and release control to Him.

Memory Verse

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[Matthew 2:1a \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Matthew 16:24-26](#)

Day 4: [John 15:18-27](#)

Day 2: [Luke 6:43-49](#)

Day 5: [Romans 1:18-32](#)

Day 3: [1 John 2:3-6](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Review [Matthew 2:1-8](#) to prepare for the December 17 message entitled "Indifferent Religious Leaders" as we continue the *Missing Christmas* series.