

Christmas Attitudes

Matthew 2:1-12

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I. Introduction

- ◆ “It’s the most wonderful time of the year?”
- ◆ Question: How should we approach Christmas so that we can capture the spirit of the season?



II. Worry (King Herod)

- ◆ Background: Herod the Great!
- ◆ Responses: Shock. Investigation. Deception.
- ◆ Attitude: ANTAGONISM
- ◆ Why: Jesus was a threat to everything Herod had worked for in his life.



III. Work (Priests and Scribes)

- ◆ Background: Sadducees and Pharisees
- ◆ Responses: Provided biblical data. Nothing.
- ◆ Attitude: APATHY
- ◆ Why: Too busy? Did not take seriously enough to investigate? Don't know.



IV. Worship (Magi)

- ◆ Background: Priestly professionals, possibly from Ancient Persia
- ◆ Responses: Sought actively
- ◆ Attitude: ADORATION
- ◆ Why: Divine grace.



V. Closing

- ◆ Question: How should we approach Christmas so that we can capture the spirit of the season?
- ◆ Answer: Be like the Magi.

“O come let us ADORE Him, Christ the Lord”

