

How to Respond to a New Born King

Matthew 2:1-12

1. The _____ – Wise people seeking Jesus to _____ him.

- *Matthew 2:1* Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

2. King _____ – Desiring to destroy Christ and maintain my own _____.

Matthew 2:3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.



What about your heart? Which Kingdom is most dominant there?

3. The religious _____ – Knowing about God, but not _____ God.

- 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel." "
- **Do you ever struggle with faithless indifference toward God?**
- **The opposite of indifference is daily _____ on Christ.**

So how did the Magi respond to Jesus?

- **They traveled a long way to be _____ Jesus**
- **They _____ Jesus** v. 11 ...they fell to the ground and worshipped Him.
- **They offered Jesus their _____.** Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
 - *Psalm 103:12NIV* as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- **What does it look like for me to worship Jesus with my life?**
- **What does it look like to give Him your effort and your time?**
- **What does it look like to bow your life and submit yourself to Jesus?**
- **What does it look like to offer Jesus your very best?**

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)

The Gospel of Matthew

Author: Matthew, one of Jesus disciples, also called Levi, a former tax collector.

Matthew 9:9 *As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.*

Matthew never names himself as the author of this gospel, but traditionally this gospel has been understood to have been written by Matthew the disciple. Many of the early church fathers cited this gospel as the writing of Matthew.

Date: Around AD 50.

Purpose of writing: Matthew recorded selected events from the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in order to confirm to a Jewish audience that Jesus was indeed the promised Messianic King. Jesus came to reveal God's kingdom, to provide access to it and show how it fits into the present age in light of Israel's rejection of her King.

The gospel of Matthew also serves as a transition between the Old and New Testaments, helping us understand how Jesus fulfills the prophetic promises of the Old Testament, and how Jesus is the hope of prophetic promises that have yet to be fulfilled.

A suggested outline of Matthew – Adapted from Dr. Mark Bailey

- I. Person of the King (Matt. 1-4) - Early Life and Ministry
- II. Platform of the King (Matt. 5-7) – The Sermon on the Mount
- III. Power of the King (Matt. 8-10) – Miracles and Mission
- IV. Parables of the King (Matt. 11-13:52) - Rejection and Revelation
- V. Progressive Rejection of the King (Matt. 13:53-18) - Miracles and Responses
- VI. Presentation of the King (Matt. 19-25) - Entry and Controversy
- VII. Passion of the King (Matt. 26-28) - Death and Resurrection

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: __ Put this on the prayer chain.