What’s Your Response to Jesus?
message #3 in the series
Choosing a Christ-Centered Christmas
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Matthew 2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

- Herod ruled from ______ B.C. to ______ B.C.
- Bethlehem – which means “house of __________________” – was only ____ miles south of Jerusalem.
saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

- Scholars believe the journey of the wise men (also called, “magi,” from the Greek NT word, magos) could have been about _________ miles and could have taken about ________ days (20 miles per day).

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

- The prophecy cited here is Micah 5:2; Micah was a prophet in Judah between __________ and __________ B.C.

- Notice the different titles given to Jesus:
  1. The wise men called him “____________ of the Jews” (v. 2).
  2. Herod referred to him as “the ___________________” (v. 4).
  3. Micah’s prophecy saw him as both ____________________ and ____________________________ (v. 6).

**Response #1:** Like the religious leaders, some people know the right answers, but their heart is not moved and their life is not _________________.

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

**Response #2:** Like Herod, some people feel threatened by Jesus and the gospel, so they respond with active opposition and _________________.

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. (ESV)

**Response #3:** Like the wise men, we should . . .

1. Be _________________ in to God’s presence and how he is at work in our world.

2. Be willing to make the __________________________ of spiritual transformation.

3. ________ before Jesus and ________________________ him.

4. Honor Jesus by offering him our lives and the things we __________________________ most.

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