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**Christmas: Child Or King?**

Matthew 2:1-18

**Key Truth:** The story of Jesus is a threat to those who are primarily committed to their own glory.

**Some Character of Christmas:**

1. The Wise Men – They weren’t merely seeking a child they

 were seeking a King.

2. The Mad King – King Herod saw Jesus as a threat to his

 throne and was unwilling to bow the knee to Jesus.

 A. There was no room for any king in Herod’s life but him.

3. The Committed Father – Joseph didn’t fully understand the

 personhood of Jesus however, he trusted God with what he

 knew and obeyed.

**What Does Christmas Mean To You?**

1. How much are you willing to be inconvenienced to worship

 Him?

 A. You have to leave your place of comfort and familiarity in

 order to see Jesus as He truly is.

 B. When you respond to the information you have received,

 God will reveal more to you.

2. You have to make room in your life for a new King.

3. We can shut out the cultural noise of Christmas by looking

 for Jesus, worshiping Jesus, and giving to Jesus.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Seek after Jesus with your whole heart. Ask God, to help you leave everything behind in your pursuit of Him and His glory. Thank God forthe opportunity to worship Him freely because of what Jesus did on your behalf.

**Food For Thought**

Read Matthew 2:7-12: Having been given the location of the birthplace of the King of the Jews, the wise men continued their journey. How did God use pagan wisdom to lead them to ultimate wisdom—His Son?

In drawing the wise men to Christ, what did God reveal about His plan for the Gentiles (non-Jews)?

Many people and religions have a different understanding or belief about who Jesus is and what he came to earth to do. What can be learned from the following verses that sheds light on the truth about who Jesus is?

Isaiah 9:6

John 14:6-7

John 5:17-18

Most houses have a manger scene that comes out every year during Christmas. After Christmas the manger gets packed back up with the rest of the Christmas décor and stored away until the next year. There’s a far greater purpose to the birth of Jesus that can be easily forgotten. How might the following verses broaden your view of the manger scene?

John 6:38-39

Galatians 4:4-5

Romans 8:3-4