

WHO WILL BE KING?

Light of the World · Part 3
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Matthew 2:1–14, 16, 19–20

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of **King Herod**, 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 when it rose and have come to **worship** him.”

When King Herod heard this he was **disturbed**, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the **Messiah** was to be born. “In **Bethlehem** in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

‘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 **shepherd** my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called the Magi **secretly** and found out from them the exact time the **star** had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and **worship** him.”

After they had heard the **king**, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the **child** was. When they saw the star, they were **overjoyed**. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and **worshipped** him. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to **Herod**, they returned to their country by another route.

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “**Get up**,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to **Egypt**. Stay there until I tell you, for **Herod** is going to search for the child to **kill him**.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt . . .

When Herod realized that he had been **outwitted** by the Magi, he was **furious**, and he gave orders to **kill** all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “**Get up**, take the child and his mother and **go** to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are **dead**.”

John 1:4-5

In Him was **life**, and that **life** was the **light** of all **mankind**. The light **shines** in the darkness and the **darkness** has not **overcome** it.

WHAT WILL MY STORY BE?

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