

Searching for the Messiah

The Message of Christmas Four-part Series - Part 3
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Text: Matthew 2:1-12

“At the heart of the Christmas story is a baby who poses such a threat to the most powerful man around that he kills a whole village full of other babies. At the heart of the Christmas story is a baby who, if only the Roman emperor knew it, will be the Lord of the whole world. Whatever else you say about Jesus, from his birth onwards, people certainly found him a threat. He upset their power games, and suffered the usual fate of people who do that.” -N.T. Wright

I. Not All Search for Christ For the Same Reason

- a. Cynics and skeptics seek to discredit and denounce Him.
- b. The hurting and dying seek Him for healing and life. (Luke 4:16-19)

II. Not All Hear the Same Message

- a. Some hear the message of judgment and fear.
- b. Some hear the message of salvation and joy!

III. Not All Respond the Same Way to The Message

- a. Some are disturbed by His message (v.3)
- b. Some are inspired to worship (v.11)

Conclusion

At His first coming, King Jesus came as a servant, and as a baby was put to bed in a manger. But at His second coming, King Jesus will come as rightful Owner and Ruler of the earth. With might and power, the armies of the world are destroyed in the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19), and as He returns John recorded that He has a vesture and on His thigh a name written, “*King of Kings, and Lord of Lords*” (Revelation 19:16). There will be no mistake as to who is the Savior of the world and Ruler of heaven and earth.

Christmas is more than a time to remember that Jesus came once. It is a time for us to remember His promise that He said, “*I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also*” (John 14:3). - Scott Wendal | December 18, 2015