

3. Herod shows us self worship.

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." Matthew 2:7-8 (ESV)

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Matthew 2:16 (ESV)

This Christmas, when it comes to the characters in the Christmas story, which one are you?

Am I like Herod?

Am I like the religious leaders?

Am I like the wise men?

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Matthew 1:18-2:12 – Christmas Is About Worship

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Why should we value Jesus and worship Him?

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:23 (ESV)

What do the characters in Matthew's Christmas story teach us about worship?

1. The wise men show us true worship.

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, 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." Matthew 2:1-2 (ESV)

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother,...
Matthew 2:11 (ESV)

The value we place on Christ is shown by the amount of inconvenience we are willing to do endure to worship Christ.

The genuineness of our worship is seen by how much we are willing to sacrifice for our worship.

2. The religious leaders show us empty worship.

...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: " 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' " Matthew 2:4-6 (ESV)

How much people are willing to sacrifice to worship Jesus, reveals how much gratitude they have in their heart for Jesus.