

**Matt 2 1-12**  
**Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas**

Theme: The magi rejoice and Herod is disturbed because Jesus is born king.

Aim: Jesus is king so rejoice and worship him, realise there are only 2 real responses to Jesus.

Its nearly Christmas. How do you respond to this fact?

Matthew wants to etch into his readers mind on simple fact and show how different people responded to it.

**Fact – Jesus is born King**

v2 born a king, not a prince. He is the king promised in the old testament. Born in Bethlehem like David. He is a shepherd king

He is the king promised in the OT, He is the king who rules and reigns everywhere.

How are you going to respond to that fact?

**3 Responses**

**1. Disturbed**

Troubled. V3. Herod knows this king is the Christ v4, but v7-8 and v16 He refuses to bow and so his heart is exposed..

Jesus challenges our self centred sovereignty.

**2. Informed but indifferent**

V4-6. Chief priests and teachers of the law know but don't go.

If you don't worship Jesus you're just like Herod.

**3. Overjoyed**

Magi were astrologers, which is condemned in bible. But v10 they were overjoyed, Esv rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. When they found the child, the king, they were ecstatic. They knew who this king was, they had been searching for him for months and now they worship him. They give him presents fit for any king.

Matthew shows it is these people who have got it, not the leaders, not the experts. But astrologers from outside come and worship this child.

He is born king you when you realise he is king you have 3 choices.