

## Come Ready > Matthew 2:1-12

**2:1-2** *They watched.* These wise men from far off lands were watching and waiting: they were seeking some kind of confirmation that God had sent his King. Once they saw it, they set off in search of him in order to worship him.

**2:3-6** *He didn't.* Tragically and ironically, the current king – Herod – couldn't be bothered to care about God's promised king. He saw these wise men as pointing out not a blessing, but a threat – and one that he would deal with.

**2:7-8+12** *He plots.* Herod's response to God's King wasn't to worship (in spite of what he said), it was to find a way to kill this promised one (see Matthew 2:16-18).

**2:9-11** *They worship.* The wise men did the exact opposite, and so showed themselves wise: they located Jesus, they had great joy in doing so, and they worshipped.

**Background:** From nearly the beginning of Matthew's gospel, we find two reactions to Jesus – faith, shown by worship; and rejection, shown by plots and rebelling against God.

**The Point:** Jesus is God's promised king – joy is found in worshipping him!

**Head:** Know that Christ is God's promised and forever King.

**Heart:** Respond to Jesus by honoring him as your King!

**Hands:** Worship Jesus with your words and actions this very week – and help somebody else to see the joy of doing so.

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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