

The Tale of Two Kings  
Matthew 2:1-12

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ of a King – vv.1-2

a. King #1 – vv. 3-8

b. King #2 – vv. 9-11

2. Fully \_\_\_\_\_ to the King – v.12

## To Go

1. Wrestle with this question: When people follow you do they find Jesus?
2. Take some time and identify who or what represents the other “king” in your life that is competing for your time and attention.
3. Make a deliberate effort this week to invite someone to come with you to one of the Christmas Eve services!

# At Home Study Guide

For the week of December 18, 2016

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## Quick Review

After Joseph and Mary had presented Jesus in the temple as an infant, they returned to Bethlehem, 6 miles south/southwest of Jerusalem. Magi from nearly a thousand miles away travel to see baby Jesus. Jesus is likely a couple of years old and His family have established residency in Bethlehem in Matthew 2. The Magi from Babylon would have been exposed to Jewish traditions and teaching as Jewish outposts were known in those regions. The sign of the star drew the Magi to Jerusalem to meet, “the king of the Jews.” This baby Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was to be the King of Israel in the line of David (1:6). The Magi had no idea what they were about to experience as they encountered the young Jesus. This star that had brought them to Jesus was about to introduce them to the greatest Light the world has ever seen.

Reflect on how the star that the Magi saw would have fulfilled Balaam’s prophecy in Numbers 24:17 and further pointed to Jesus according to Revelation 22:16 and 2 Peter 1:19.

Why do you think Herod and all of Jerusalem was disturbed by this news that a new king was born in Israel? What does that statement indicate about the spiritual wellbeing of Israel’s leadership?

Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem fulfills what Micah wrote of in Micah 5:2. How does this one fulfillment of prophecy serve to encourage you that God is faithful to His promises?

What do you notice about the nature of worship in 2:10-11? Who did they worship specifically? What did it cost them? What stands out about their attitude?

Ask God to give you fresh eyes to see His love for you as you read Romans 5:8 and John 3:16. How does God’s love for you energize you to love others this holiday season?

\* For a list of more prophecies fulfilled by Jesus visit <https://bible.org/article/messianic-prophecies>

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