

Pastor John Preaching

**Today's sermon:
Will You Accept a New King?**

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The Bible wasn't given just to increase our knowledge, the Bible was given to change our life...

- today we ask the spirit of God
- to use the word of God
- to transform us to be like the Son of God

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Matthew 2 (NIV).

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

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Three different reactions to Jesus coming as King:

- 1. Some were DISTURBED by Jesus.**

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Matthew 2:3 (NIV).

"When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him."

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Matthew 2.

7 "Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

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2. Most **IGNORED** Jesus.

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Matthew 2:4-6. "When he (Herod) had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea", they replied, "in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

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John 5:

39 "You diligently study the scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

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Three different reactions to Jesus coming as King:

1. Some were **DISTURBED** by Jesus.
2. Most **IGNORED** Jesus.
3. Some were **EXCITED** about Jesus.

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Luke 2.

21 "On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived. 22 When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

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23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord") 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of

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Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and

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praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory to your people Israel." 33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said

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about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of

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Phanel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; and she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

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