

# MATTHEW

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. When does this incident occur (v. 1; c.f., 2:16)? Is there any significance?
2. Who are the primary players in this story (v. 1)? What do you know about them?
3. What set the magi on their quest (v. 2)?

What do we know about “His star” (c.f., Numbers 24:17)? (How is it associated with “the King of the Jews”?)

What, or who, is likely responsible for the magi possessing this knowledge (Daniel 6:3, 28)?

4. Why is Herod the king so troubled by their quest (v. 3)?

Why is “all Jerusalem” troubled as well?

5. Who does Herod understand this newborn King to be (v. 4)?

Where is this King to be born (vv. 5-6)?

What does this prophecy tell us about the Messiah (Micah 5:2)? (To what should Herod give his attention?)

6. The “star” (re)appears after Herod gives the magi instructions regarding the Child (vv. 9-10). What does the star do?

Why? They already have their instructions/directions from Herod?

7. What is suggestive of their worship of the Child (vv. 2, 11)?

8. Is there any significance to the gifts presented by the magi (v. 11b)?

9. How do the facts of this incident differ from the typical Christmas depiction?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will fight indifference this week by . . .

I will worship the King this week by . . .