



Central Coast  
Assembly of God

## BORN KING

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Key Scriptures : Matthew 2:1-23

# LECTIO DIVINA/ STUDY GUIDE

SCRIPTURE, CONNECTION, & DISCIPLESHIP

### The Visit of the Magi

**2** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, **2** “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

**3** When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

**6** ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
Are by no means least among the leaders of  
Judah;

**For out of you shall come forth a Ruler  
Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”**

**7** Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” **9** After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

### The Flight to Egypt

**13** Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord \*appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”

**14** So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.

**15** He remained there until the death of Herod. *This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”*

### Herod Slaughters Babies

**16** Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. **17** Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

**18** “A voice was heard in Ramah,  
Weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
And she refused to be comforted,  
Because they were no more.”

**19** But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord \*appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, **20** “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” **21** So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. **22** But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, **23** and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. *This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”*

## start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

### Reading #1

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

*What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses on you? In silence meditate on that.*

## start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

What do you think about the Magi's initial revelation that a new baby was born "king of the Jews?"

Have you ever thought about Jesus as "King"?

If the Magi's initial revelation of God's salvation came through a star, which they followed to Jerusalem, and then heard from the Scriptures about the prophesied *specific* place of Jesus' birth completing the knowledge they needed for the moment, **how has your faith and knowledge of God grown through the Scriptures (Old and New Testament) after initially hearing about God's salvation through Jesus Christ - How did you initially hear?**

## start sharing. engage it with your story

### Reading #2

*What do you feel? What specific situation in your life today relates? Write down a prayer or pray quietly.*

*What did the Holy Spirit speak to you personally about during the sermon? Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

How could the Magi's worship help you understand how to worship Jesus as a "King"?

## start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

*What is Christ's personal invitation to you from the Scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks. Or simply rest quietly in the Spirit of Jesus' presence.*

## start praying. be bold and pray with power

prayer requests: