

# **Response to Royalty**

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## **I. Introduction.**

- A. Text: Matthew 2.
- B. Jesus is the Messiah as demonstrated by the fulfillment of prophesy.
- C. Matthew 1 demonstrates that Jesus is the son of David and the legitimate heir to the throne.

## **II. Jesus in Bethlehem.**

- A. The wise men most likely visited Jesus some time during his childhood.
- B. They were compelled by prophesy to find Jesus. (Numbers 24:17)
- C. Herod had no authority with regard to knowledge of the Messiah because he was an Edomite, so he was troubled. The wise men had reason to fear Herod because he was wicked.
- D. Scripture prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, and the Sanhedrin recognized it. Sometimes God uses His enemies to bring Him glory.
- E. The wise men encountered Jesus and confirmed that He was savior by the gifts they gave Him.

## **III. Jesus in Egypt.**

- A. Jesus and Mary flee Bethlehem because Herod sought Jesus' life.
- B. This event was the "confirmation" of Hosea 11:1. (James 2:23)
- C. Herod had all the infant firstborns in Bethlehem put to death, which was the fulfillment of prophesy. (Jeremiah 31:15)

## **IV. Jesus in Nazareth.**

- A. Jesus' growing up in Nazareth is said to fulfill prophesy, but it is difficult to determine what Scripture it refers to (Isaiah 11?). Jesus would grow up in Nazareth so that He could fulfill prophesy that He would be despised.
- B. The Jews rejected Jesus, and the Gentiles rejected Him.
- C. There is great danger in rejecting Jesus Christ.

## **Application questions:**

1. What is the role of the Old Testament in the early years of Jesus? Explain.

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2. What does the Sanhedrin's recognition of the Messiah's birthplace teach us about God's enemies according to the speaker? Is there anything else it might teach us?

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3. Where are you in your personal relationship with Jesus? What can you do to tighten up your relationship with Him this week and help others to do so also?

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