

INTRODUCTION: It never ceases to amaze me how the very same message and teaching from God's Word can produce such varying results. One heart is hardened while another is being softened - one says "Give me more" while another says "I've had enough". How true is the saying, "The same sun that softens the wax hardens the clay." People respond differently to the Word of God and to Jesus Christ. As we continue in our passage from last Sunday we discover various responses to Jesus as King and Savior. Generally there are three different heart responses when people are confronted with the "Kingship" (Lordship) of the LORD Jesus Christ...agitation and hostility - apathy and indifference - acceptance and worship. Is the LORDship of Jesus Christ embraced in your life? How is that being worked out and visible in your daily life in your home, at work or school, and in your church and community?

A. THE MAGI - ARRIVAL IN JERUSALEM - vvs. 1-2

1. Their Origin - "from the EAST"
2. Their Guidance - "we saw His STAR in the east"
3. Their Purpose - "have come to WORSHIP Him"
4. Their Inquiry - "WHERE is He..."
5. Their Assurance - "...Who HAS BEED born King of the Jews"

B. THE KING - HEROD THE GREAT - vvs. 3-8

1. His BACKGROUND
2. His _____ - v. 3
3. His INQUIRY of the Rulers - vvs. 4-6 _____?
4. His INQUIRY of Magi - v. 7 _____?
5. His COMMISSIONING of Magi - v. 8

C. THE MAGI - ARRIVAL IN BETHLEHEM - vs. 9-12

1. Their Guidance - “the _____...went before them”

2. Their Emotion - “they _____ with _____ GREAT JOY”

3. Their Worship - “they...fell down and _____ Him”
 - a. They presented _____ to Christ

 - b. They presented their _____ to Christ

4. Their Departure - “being divinely _____ ... they departed...”

Various Responses to God’s Word

HEROD

PRIESTS

PEOPLE

MAGI

Example of Finding God’s Will

1.

2.

3.