

MATTHEW

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Read Matthew 2 Together

In Matthew chapter 2, Matthew establishes themes that are going to reoccur throughout the entirety of his gospel. Matthew especially focuses on the universality of Jesus' Messiahship and the alternative kingdom that Jesus is going to establish as the true "King of the Jews."

Discussion Questions

1. Why would Matthew go out of his way to record prominent figures from the East coming to pay respect to a child Jesus? How might it affect how his readers approach the rest of his gospel?
2. Seth talked about Matthew's use of "typology", parallels drawn between characters in Scripture, in his sermon. What typology do we see in this chapter, particularly with how Herod and Jesus are portrayed?
3. How does Jesus' reign compare to Herod's? What methods do they each use to further their influence?