



WEEK 1 | A CHILD IS BORN | MATTHEW 2:1-18

Inspection: What Does It Say?

What was the reaction of Herod and those in Jerusalem in verse 3?

What is the historical importance of verse 6? How old is this verse of Scripture?

How did the Magi respond in verses 10 and 11 when they found the child?

How did Joseph respond to the angel of the Lord in verse 13?

What does verse 16 tell us about the age of Jesus?

Observation: What Does It Mean?

Why was Herod troubled in verse 3?

What lesson should we learn from the Magi that came to worship the King of the Jews?

How is difficulty part of the journey in following Jesus?

How many examples of faith and obedience can you find in the text?

What historical significance do we find in the quote of Hosea 11:1 in verse 15?

Life Application: What Does It Mean For Me?

Look at difficulties around your life as God opportunities to do His will.

Consider what gifts you will give to Jesus this advent season.

Spend time considering the stars and God's big plan for your life.

Pray for peace in the birth land of Jesus.

Identify what areas of peace you need in your life and with others. Invite Jesus to help.

Meditation: What Does God Say?

Genesis 3:15

Genesis 49:10

Isaiah 6:9-10

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 11:10

Daniel 7:13-14

Matthew 1:1

Psalms 8:5-6

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hail the heavenly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Come, Desire of nations, come, fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conquering Seed, bruise in us the serpent's head.
Now display Thy saving power, ruined nature now restore;
Now in mystic union join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.

Adam's likeness, Lord, efface, stamp Thine image in its place:
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in Thy love.
Let us Thee, though lost, regain, Thee, the Life, the inner man:
Oh, to all Thyself impart, formed in each believing heart.

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