The Point Of Christmas - Week 2

Sermon Notes

Christmas is meant to **transform** us, not turn us into mere **consumers**. It's about being **consumed** by the true meaning of Christ's birth.

1. Know Who Jesus Really Is: The King, Not Just a Familiar Figure

Matthew 2:1-3: "Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.' King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem."

Revelation 19:12 "His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself."

Revelation 19:16 "On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords."

Jesus isn't just a cultural icon—He's the **King** of **Kings**.

The wise men recognized His **authority**, while Herod **resisted** it.

The question is: will you seek the truth or cling to your **comfort** zone?

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Ask Yourself: Will you search for the **truth**, or protect your **turf**?

2. Investigate the Truth for Yourself

Matthew 2:4-8: "He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, 'Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?' 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they said, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: "And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel."' Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first

appeared. Then he told them, ‘Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him too!’”

Don’t let others’ **opinions** or **traditions** dictate your understanding of Christmas.

Like the wise men, dig into the truth and act on it. Herod heard the truth but refused to embrace it out of fear.

Ask Yourself: Will you follow through on what you **hear**, or worry about what it might mean?

3. Respond How You Want to Be Remembered

Matthew 2:9-12 “After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.”

Matthew 2:16-17 “Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men’s report of the star’s first appearance. Herod’s brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A cry was heard in Ramah—weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead.’”

The wise men responded with joy, worship, and generosity. Herod responded with anger and destruction. How you respond to the message of Christmas will shape your legacy.

Ask Yourself: Will you respond with **joy** and generosity, or with **anger** and uncertainty?

Christmas isn’t just an event—it’s a call to be consumed by the awe of the King who came to change everything, starting with our hearts.

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