

Matthew 2 Sermon Notes

Opening

- Quick recap of Matthew 1
 - Taught us to be obedient
- Study is necessary
 - To learn obedience

Enter Magi

- Wisemen from the east
 - Not 3 of them
 - Scholars Persia / advisers to king
 - Likely a caravan with guards
- He was troubled
 - Persian-Roman relationship
 - Precarious situation
- More on Magi and star later

Joseph

- Demonstration of obedience
- Refer to last sermon
- Herod died ~4 BC

King Herod

- Moses parallel
 - *Exodus 1:22* – Herod's slaughter
 - *Matthew 2:20-21* – Israel's exodus
- Herod the Edomite
 - People and Nations – Jacob and Esau
 - Conflict in the fathers of nations
 - *Genesis 25:21-23*
 - Esau – Edom; Jacob – Israel
 - Edom's and Israel's bloody history

- *1 Samuel 21:4-7*
 - In Nob, a city for priests
 - Only priests could eat the bread
 - Doeg
- *1 Samuel 22:16-19*
 - Doeg told Saul about the priest
 - Hesitation is key
- *Psalms 137:7*
 - Edom cheering Judah's destruction
 - *Obadiah*
 - Betrayal
 - Prophecy for destruction
 - Fulfilled 10 years after Judah's capture
- He is an Edomite
 - Born south of Judah ~74 BC
 - Tried to kill the Messiah

Nazarene Dilemma

- What prophecy?
- Some say – *Isaiah 11:1*
 - “Nazareth” and “branch” sound similar
 - Matthew said “prophets” - plural
 - Doesn't specifically reference like others
 - *Matthew 2:6 – Micah 5:2*
 - *Matthew 2:15 – Hosea 11:1*
 - *Matthew 2:18 – Jeremiah 31:15*
 - Weak sauce
- Reframe
 - No punctuation; Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic
 - Different translations wildly different
 - A proper translation
 - No verse in isolation
 - Reference to the whole chapter
 - No chapter and verse marks in original writing
- Wouldn't Nathaniel likely know?
 - John 1:45-46

The Curious Case of the Messiah's Star

- The star
 - What are they talking about?
- Study
 - I studied
 - Conventional views on Magi
 - *Numbers 24:17* - Balaam
 - *Daniel 9:25*
 - Issues with these
 - No characteristics
 - My understanding of Magi
 - Persian astronomers
 - Gained knowledge from Babylon via Daniel
 - May have studied outside text
 - No clue; hope to one day
 - I need to study more

Study Intently

- We all need to study
 - *Hosea 4:6*
 - Understand God & Jesus better
 - What he wants for us
 - How to properly serve God with obedience
 - Not to be caught unaware
- Being aware
 - *Matthew 24:9-13*
 - Misled
 - Refers to believers
 - Be like the Magi
 - Aware of the signs even before Judea
 - *Deuteronomy 28:2-6*