



Herod Matthew 2

HEROD'S 4 CHARACTERISTICS:

- 1) Preoccupation with _____
 - a. 3 word summary
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
- 2) Preoccupation with _____
- 3) Preoccupation with _____
- 4) Preoccupation with _____

THE TEXT:

- ✓ The _____ **Matt. 2:1-6**
- 3 Responses
 - Wise men = _____
 - Jewish religious leaders = _____
 - Herod = _____

- ✓ The _____ & _____ **Matt. 2:7-12**

“In those three gifts we see _____ He is, what He _____ to do, and what it would _____ Him.” ~ John Stott

1. **GOLD** – Fit for a _____: give Him our _____ and _____
2. **FRANKINCENSE** – Fit for a _____: give Him our _____ worship
3. **MYRRH** – Fit for a _____: give Him our _____ and _____

FACT:

A wise man's journey is one of _____ and _____

✓ The _____ **Matt. 2:13-15**

- The gifts from the wise men would have been used to _____ the trip as Mary and Joseph were just a poor couple.
- These verses show that God says what He _____ !

✓ The _____ **Matt. 2:16-18**

- God is in _____



- When I see it, He is in control, but when I can't see it...He is
- When I feel it, He is in control, but when I can't feel it...He is

✓ The _____ **Matt. 2:19-23**

TAKING YOUR TEMPERATURE:

On a scale of 1-10, how important are these things to you this Christmas? Let's go ahead and take this little test.

- 1) *POWER* - how important is it for you to have control?

0---1---2---3---4---5---6---7---8---9---10

- 2) *POSSESSIONS* - how important are the things you own?

0---1---2---3---4---5---6---7---8---9---10

- 3) *PRESTIGE* - how important is status to you?

0---1---2---3---4---5---6---7---8---9---10

- 4) *PARANOIA* - how important is your protection from others?

0---1---2---3---4---5---6---7---8---9---10

THE REAL QUESTION:

Is Jesus the _____ of _____ to you?