



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: December 18, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Matthew 2:1-12 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) How does accurate knowledge of the details of the nativity scene help you to worship?
- 5) What's the difference between magi and modern day magicians?
- 6) How should our response to Jesus look like the magi's response?
- 7) What was the significance of the "scepter" (Num 24:17) and the "light" (Isa 60:1-3) in the prophecies about the Messiah?
- 8) Describe the reaction of the religious leaders to Jesus' birth. How does this reaction serve as a warning?
- 9) Why was Bethlehem a significant location for Jesus' birth?
- 10) Why would Matthew specifically refer to Judah in his quotation of Micah 5:2?
- 11) How does Matthew point to Jesus' kingship in this passage?
- 12) How is it clear that the star was not merely a natural phenomenon?
- 13) How does this passage speak to God's desire to reach the nations with the message of Jesus?
- 14) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

* Some of these questions are taken or adapted from: David Platt, [Exalting Jesus in Matthew](#), ed. Daniel L. Akin, David Platt, and Tony Merida, *Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2013), Mt 2:1–12.