

## THE KING IS COMING: FINDING JOY IN OUR LONGING

*Matthew 2:1-12*

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### Introduction

What have you been longing for?

### How people responded when they saw the Star (a sign that a King has been born):

#### I. King Herod: Threatened and Conniving (vv. 3, 7-8)

Longing for power and control

#### II. The Jewish Leaders: Knowledgeable but Indifferent and Colluding (vv. 4-6)

Longing for the stability and respectability

#### III. The Gentile Magi: Overjoyed and Worshipful (vv. 1-2, 10-11)

Longing to meet King Jesus and worship Him

### Implications:

1. Realign Misplaced Longings with a Desire for God (cf. Col. 3:2)
2. True Joy Comes from the Right Longing (Saviour Jesus) (cf. John 15:9-11; Rom. 8:28; John 3:16)
3. Seek Jesus Intentionally and Wholeheartedly (cf. Jer. 29:13)

### Conclusion

True joy comes from who we ultimately long for - King and Saviour Jesus!

The King is coming – Rejoice!