



O Come, O Come,
EMMANUEL

Matthew 2v1-12

THE PRAISEWORTHY KING

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The promised king...

**V1: This is the genealogy of Jesus
the Messiah...**

The promised king... **becomes the present king**

V18: This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

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V23: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

The promised king... becomes the
present king

The present king... **is also the
praiseworthy king**

1) Wise Men – moved to worship

V1-2: After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”



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- They knew about God's promised king

V2: "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?"



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- They knew about God's promised king
- They had a fascination with the stars
- **They came to worship Jesus**

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2) King Herod – moved to murder

V3: When King Herod heard this he was disturbed...



2) King Herod – moved to murder

V5: “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

6 ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””



2) King Herod – moved to murder

V8: “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”



2) King Herod – moved to murder

V16: When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.



2) King Herod – moved to murder

“There’s a little Herod in every human heart”



3) Chief Priests – totally unmoved



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The wise men care, but they don't have all the answers

The chief priests have all the answers, but they don't seem to care



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V9-10: After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

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V11: On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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“Their hearts must have beheld what their eyes could not see.”

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Is 53v2: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

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*Does what we know about Jesus lead us to
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God of God, Light of Light

Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb

Very God

Begotten, not created

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord!

