

1) Jesus disturbs some – they in turn disturb others

*“³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him... ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying: Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him... ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men **Matthew 2:3, 7-8, 16***

2) Jesus disinterests some – many distractions and disillusionments pull at people’s hearts.

*“⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him: In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel. **Matthew 2:4-6***

3) Jesus delights some – nothing hinders them from seeking Him and worshipping Him.

*¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying: Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose^l and have come to worship Him... ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way **Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12***

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