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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

Matthew 2:1 (ESV)- Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem...

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- ◆ He was an Idumean, (from Edom).
- ◆ He was raised as a Jew.
- ◆ He married into the Hasmoneans.
- ◆ Loyal to Rome, served as a “client king.”
- ◆ “Herod the Great” because of his building projects.

Notes: _____

1. HEROD’S PRESTIGE

Matthew 2:1 (ESV)- Now 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. HEROD’S PROBLEM

Matthew 2:2 (ESV)-saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

3. HEROD’S PARANOIA

Matthew 2:3 (ESV)- When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

4. HEROD’S PLAN

Matthew 2:4-5,16 (ESV)-and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea... Then 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.

Life Application Section

A. Like Herod we can become _____.

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Here Is The Point: What we do with Jesus is all that matters...