# Our Coming Savior:
# The Magi and King Herod

Matthew 2:1-18

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Herod's intentions are nefarious. The Magi (wise men) are sincere. Herod is self-serving. The Magi wish to serve their newborn Messiah, the rightful King of the Jews. Both parties are intrigued by news of this birth. Both wish to locate this Infant King -- but for every different reasons.
What makes the different between these two?
What difference does it make today?

Let's contrast them further . . .

- Herod was not the rightful King. Matthew 2:1
- Magi came to worship the true King. Matthew 2:2

- Herod is threatened by this King. Matthew 2:3-8
- Magi are overjoyed by this King. Matthew 2:9-10

- Magi desire to extol. Matthew 2:11-12
- Herod desires to exterminate. Matthew 2:16-18

- Herod refused Jesus as King.
- Magi welcomed Jesus as King.

**Who are you like -- the Magi or Herod?**

*"What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"*
*Jesus quoted in Mark 8:36*

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