

# Why Do People React Differently to CHRISTmas?

“**Fear not**, for behold, I bring you good news of a **great joy** that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:8-12

## Four Different Reactions to the Christ of Christmas

### 1. Some people are \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ

“<sup>1</sup>...Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’” Matthew 2:1-2

#### Who were these Magi?

- They were  
Daniel 1:3-4; Numbers 24:7; Micah 5:2
- They were  
Psalm 72:10; 60:3
- They  
Matthew 2:3
- They came seeking after  
Colossians 2:2-3

### 2. Some people get \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ

“When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.” Matthew 2:3

## People today share Herod's emotions...

- Afraid of what they  
Matthew 2:3, 27:29; John 18:33
- Rejects a Jesus they  
Matthew 2:4

### 3. Some people get \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ

“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....”  
Matthew 2:16 (NIV)

Herod's brutal actions were  
Jeremiah 31:15

### 4. Some people \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

“<sup>10</sup> When [the Magi] saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> 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 and of incense and of myrrh.”  
Matthew 2:10-11

The Magi responded to Jesus by

**What is your response to the Christ of Christmas?**

Romans 5:8; John 3:16-17