

WHAT EVER HAPPENED

TO **WONDER?**



**Why do people  
react differently to CHRISTmas?**

# What are you looking for this season?

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# What are you looking for this season?

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1.

# Some people are attracted 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.’”

*Four Different  
Reactions to the Christ  
of Christmas*

**Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)**

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- They came seeking true treasures and wisdom

2.

**Some people get agitated by Christ.**

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

**Matthew 2:2 (NIV)**

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**Do you share  
similar  
emotions?**

**Afraid of what they  
might lose**

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**Do you share  
similar  
emotions?**

**Reject a Jesus they  
know little about**

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3.

**Some people get angry 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)**

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**Herod's brutal  
actions were  
predicted in the Bible**

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4.

## Some people accept 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 (NIV)**



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A large white circle is centered on the right side of the image. The background is a vibrant blue with a soft purple gradient on the left. In the top left, there is a large, out-of-focus purple sphere. At the top center, a portion of a silver and gold Christmas ornament is visible.

**The Magi responded  
to Jesus by  
Worshipping Him**

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# What is your response to Christ?

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

# What is your response to Christ?

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”