

## **The Arrival of a King is Humbling News**

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.*

*-Matthew 2:1-3*

The news of the birth of a legitimate rival to the throne was enough to throw Herod into a rage. When the Magi referred to this new born king as King of the Jews, Herod's paranoia let loose. Could there truly be One who was the rightful heir to the throne he held? Could someone legitimately hold the throne when Herod, through complex political maneuvering, had taken it for himself?

Not surprisingly, when any individual sits enthroned in opposition to Jesus and they are confronted with such pride, they too become troubled. It must have been incredibly humbling for Herod to realize the Magi were going to bow down before an infant and not before him. Then again, Jesus was everything Herod was not. Herod was a King of Might as opposed to Jesus, a King of Right. Herod was a King of Pride as opposed to Jesus, a King of Humility. Herod was a King of Terror as opposed to Jesus, a King of Peace.

We can face the same crisis when we come to the realization that Jesus is everything we are not. It's humbling to admit our lives have not gone according to plan and that we are in desperate need of a Savior. Christmas is a joyful time of celebration, but it is also a humbling season when we, like Herod, remember we are not the legitimate rulers of our lives. Have you fully ceded the throne of your life to King Jesus?