

# Christmas Questions

An Intentional Question  
Message 4  
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December 22, 2019

2. Response to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 2:9-11. C/R: 1 Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 95:6; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 12:28)

## ► Outline

Wise Men: *"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? ..."*  
**Matthew 2:2 (NLT)**

King Herod: *... "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"*  
**Matthew 2:4 (NLT)**

**My intentions toward Jesus are revealed by my...**

1. Resolve to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.  
(Matthew 2:1-8. C/R: Psalm 10:4; Proverbs 8:17;  
Jeremiah 29:13; Hebrews 11:6)

3. Reaction to God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 2:12,16-18. C/R: 1 Samuel 12:15; John 8:44;  
Acts 5:29; James 1:22)

**Answers:** 1. seek 2. Jesus 3. direction

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### ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

### Conversation Starter

When you think of the story of Jesus' birth, what elements immediately come to mind?

### Opening in Prayer

May God reveal Himself to you in a powerful way as you celebrate Christmas and approach the new year. Spend some time in silence. Ask God to guide your heart and mind as you study and reflect.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 2:1-12](#).

1. How do you think the wise men knew about the birth of Jesus from seeing a star in the sky?
2. Why was Herod so disturbed by what the wise men asked him?
3. When has God seemed the most real, the most tangible, the most *near* to you?
4. What are some of your favorite practices that help you grow in your relationship with God?
5. What are some reasons people don't believe in Jesus?
6. What could followers of Jesus do and say to help non-believers believe?

7. What are ways we can help each other grow in faith?
8. Have you ever sensed clear direction from God? If so, what did He say? How did you respond?
9. What happens when we don't take action when we sense God leading? See also: [1 Samuel 12:14-15](#); [Hebrews 3:12-15](#); [James 1:22-25](#).
10. What's your biggest takeaway from this week's teaching?

Jesus isn't going to try to speak over the noise in our lives; He competes for our hearts, not our attention.  
Bob Goff

### Soul Training

The wise men gave so much to Jesus – their attention, time, energy, effort, affection, worship and gifts. They risked their lives and maybe their careers, credibility and reputation. Reflect on the hearts and actions of these wise men, and ask God how to apply their example to your own life.

### Memory Verse

*If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me.* [Jeremiah 29:13 \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [John 1:1-13](#)

Day 4: [1 Samuel 12:14-25](#)

Day 2: [Proverbs 8:1-11](#)

Day 5: [Matthew 10:37-42](#)

Day 3: [Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, December 29, we'll finish our series *Christmas Questions* with a message of hope and direction as we move into the new year. To prepare, read [Luke 2:41-52](#).



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