



## ADVENT WEEK 4 DEVOTIONAL

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### RECEIVE

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Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **Matthew 2:1–12**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn?

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### REFLECT

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1. What expectations or posture do we bring to our relationship with Jesus? Curiosity? Fear? Desire to make Him ours? Avoidance? Worship?
2. How do you define worship? Where do you see it happen?
3. The Magi said they had come to worship the new King of the Jews. Compare and contrast worship by the Magi with how you worship. What is similar? What is different?
4. What do you value that you would offer to express your worship to Jesus?
5. Place yourself in the sandals of Mary or Joseph. What would be going through your heart and mind as the wisemen entered your home and began to offer these lavish gifts to your baby boy?

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## RESPOND

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On YouTube, watch [Jesus must sit on the throne in your life, He can't one cheek it!](#) Think of five practical ways someone can demonstrate to Jesus they have deferred the throne of their life to Him?

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## SCRIPTURE

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**Matthew 2:1–12** | New International Version

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. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 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, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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