

Responses to the Christ of Christmas
Matthew 2:1-18 (page 676)

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Some people f e a r the truth (Matt 2:1-4, 16-18)

- *Herod* pictures people who r e f u s e to s u r r e n d e r their autonomy or i n d e p e n d e n c e to Christ's Lordship.

Some people i g n o r e the truth (Matt 2:4-6)

- *The religious leaders* picture people who do n o t take Christ's claims s e r i o u s l y and are i n d i f f e r e n t to r e s p o n d to His salvation.

Some people s e e k the truth and w o r s h i p
(Matt 2:1-2; 7-12)

- The *Magi* picture people who a c t i v e l y s e e k and f i n d Christ and s u r r e n d e r themselves to w o r s h i p the Savior.

Personally:

The *ultimate question* however, is not how s o m e o n e e l s e responds, but how I r e s p o n d to Jesus!