
The Child of Bethlehem

Matthew 2:1-11

To respond properly to the Christ of Christmas, we must come close to Him and accurately understand what He represents. The Christmas Story reveals what outsiders recognized about the birth of Jesus when they were close to Him. Our response can be improved by coming close and seeing the child of Bethlehem from their perspective.

1. The child was a _____ to the shepherds

Luke 2:8-11

- a) The child was _____ (vs. 10, 11, 14)
- b) The child was cause for _____ (vs. 10)
- c) The child was Christ the _____ (vs. 10)
 - We should come to Jesus and _____ Him.

2. The child was a _____ to the Wisemen

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- a) Jesus was an _____ king (vs. 2)
- b) Jesus was _____ king in the heavens (vs. 2)
- c) Jesus was the king who deserved _____ from everyone (vs. 2)
 - We should come to Jesus with _____ worship.

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3. The child was a _____ to Herod

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- a) Jesus would have rights to everything that Herod _____ as his own (vs. 6)
- b) Jesus had the right to _____ Herod (vs. 8)
- c) Jesus would be the _____, not Herod (vs. 8)
 - We should come to Jesus and _____ Him as rightful ruler in our life.

❖ Insight for life:

As a follower of Christ, I will draw close to Jesus and accept His God-given _____.

My Thoughts:

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1. The child was a Savior to the shepherds

Luke 2:8-11

- a) The child was good news (vs. 10, 11, 14)
- b) The child was cause for great joy (vs. 10)
- c) The child was Christ the Lord (vs. 10)
 - We should come to Jesus and welcome Him.

2. The child was a King to the Wisemen

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- a) Jesus was an expected king (vs. 2)
- b) Jesus was declared king in the heavens (vs. 2)
- c) Jesus was the king who deserved worship from everyone (vs. 2)
 - We should come to Jesus with sacrificial worship.

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3. The child was a rightful ruler to Herod

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- a) Jesus would have rights to everything that Herod claimed as his own (vs. 6)
- b) Jesus had the right to rule Herod (vs. 6)
- c) Jesus would be the focus, not Herod (vs. 8)
 - We should come to Jesus and declare Him as rightful ruler in our life.

❖ **Insight for life:**

As a follower of Christ, I will draw close to Jesus and accept His God-given roles.

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