

OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON

MATTHEW 2:1-18 // JORDAN COROS

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How will you respond to Jesus' arrival? The wise men worshipped him. Will you? (v. 1-2, 9-12) Herod was threatened by him. Are you? (v. 3-8, 16-18) Mary and Joseph trusted him. Do you? (v. 13-15)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever reacted or responded to a person in a way that you later regretted? Why did you respond the wrong way? What was the effect?
2. **There's a difference between reacting to someone and responding to them. You may react to someone asking, "how are you?" with a sense of shyness, yet your response could be to overcome the shyness and share a little part of your life.** How do you move from simply reacting to a person's presence in your life to responding to them appropriately?
3. **The wise men were invested in worshipping Jesus. It was their goal to worship him.** Why should we invest heavily in worshipping Jesus?

Numbers 24:17 I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.

4. **Herod damaged lives because he as was threatened by Jesus. He attacked Bethlehem's Hebrew families and killed their infant sons to persecute Christ.** Does Jesus threaten an aspect of your life? How are you fearfully reacting to Jesus or toward his people?

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5. **Mary and Joseph followed the Lord out of Bethlehem and away to Egypt where they are spared from Herod's plot. They also had to move to Nazareth to avoid Archelaus, Herod's son.** How are you maintaining trust in God in your present circumstances?

6. When Jesus comes again, what do you have now that you want to present to him?