



Chaos to Christmas:

Herod

Matthew 2

Dec 6th, 2020

Romans 13:1

King Herod chose:

1. The chaos of power. *Matthew 23:11*

How does this affect you in December?

2. The Chaos of manipulation.

Do you ever use this?

Matthew 2:16

King Herod ultimately chose the Chaos of worship of self.

How does this path affect your walk of faith?

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Matthew 2:1-8 NLT Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ² “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him.” ³ King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴ He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶ ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸ Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find Him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship Him, too!”

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Romans 13:1 NLT Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

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Matthew 2:3 NLT King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

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Matthew 23:11 NLT The greatest among you must be a servant.

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If Herod was so worried, why didn't he try to find Jesus personally?

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King Herod chose:

2. The Chaos of manipulation.

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Do you ever use manipulation?

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Matthew 2:16 NLT Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance.

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We can choose to come to Christmas full of Chaos

or

We can choose to come to the Christ Child.

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