

Christmas Isn't Canceled | A World That's a Mess

Matthew 2:1-11

December 13, 2020

1| Read Matthew 1:18-25

It was a very uneasy world, Rome was in charge, Joseph and Mary were bringing a baby into this world. Anticipating the birth of a child stirs up all sorts of conflicting feelings. What are some of the fears new parents might have about bringing a baby into today's world? How would you reassure them?

2| Read Matthew 2:1-6

One thing we can make note of here is that these wise men were far more eager to seek the King of the Jews than the Jews were to seek their own Messiah. Why do you suppose that is? What other facts about the wise men did Pastor Tom discuss on Sunday?

3| Verse 6 is a quote from Micah 5:2 which is an ancient prophecy of the coming Messiah. This prophecy speaks of Jesus as being both Ruler and Shepherd. How does this line up with some of the attributes of Jesus Christ that you are familiar with?

4| Read Matthew 2:7-11

Herod was troubled that there might be a REAL King of the JEWS, therefore Herod's words were deceitful and Herod's intentions were evil—Herod wanted to cancel Jesus. What do you see going on in the world today that has the same demonic spirit of trying to cancel Jesus?

5| Read Psalm 90:12

The wise men were wise enough to worship Jesus when they found Him. They undertook a long and difficult journey deep into enemy territory to come and worship Christ. What are you willing to sacrifice, how far would you journey to come and worship your King?