



## I. WHAT I LEARN FROM KING HEROD

Herod...

### 1. Shows me the futility of building my own kingdom

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?

Mark 8:36 (NLT)

### 2. Demonstrates how sin can blind me

Satan, who is the god of this evil world, has made him blind, unable to see the glorious light of the Gospel that is shining upon him or to understand the amazing message we preach about the glory of Christ, who is God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (TLB)

### 3. Reminds me why Jesus came

For whatever reason God chose to make man as he is— limited and suffering and subject to sorrows and death—He had the honesty and the courage to take His own medicine. Whatever game He is playing with His creation, He has kept His own rules and played fair. He can exact nothing from man that He has not exacted from Himself. He has Himself gone through the whole of human experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and the cramping restrictions of hard work and lack of money to the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair and death. When He was a man, He played the man. He was born in poverty and died in disgrace and thought it well worthwhile.”

Dorothy L. Sayers

### 4. Explains why so many reject Jesus

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end...

Isaiah 9:6-7a (NLT)

## **II. WHAT I LEARN FROM THE MAGI**

### **1. God makes Himself known to all who seek Him**

When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me.  
Jeremiah 29:13 (NIRV)

### **2. I will find God when I obey the truth that I have**

Those who know my commands and obey them are the ones who love me, and my Father will love those who love me. I will love them and will show myself to them.”  
John 14:21 (NCV)

### **3. The point of seeking Jesus is to worship Him as Lord**

Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.  
Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)