



**"Herod the Not-So-Great"  
(Matthew 2:1-19)**

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*"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."*

(Matthew 2:1-2)

*"When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi."*

(Matthew 2:16)

**Mega Lessons from the Magi**

1. When you choose Christ, you choose to live with some conflict.
  
2. If you resist this reality, you will be tempted to not live for Christ or influence others toward him.
  
3. If you accept this reality, you will find the purpose and thrill you need.



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