



## Come ADORE the Messiah Who Came

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**What is one of the distinguishing marks that the Christmas Season is in full swing?**

### **Worship**

**"I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation."**

(Reflections on the Psalms)

### **The Birth of the King Should Make our Hearts Want to Sing**

Matthew 1:1

*1 This is the genealogy[a] of Jesus the Messiah[b] the son of David, the son of Abraham:*

Matthew 1:17

*17 Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.*

Matthew 1:22-24

*22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"[a] (which means "God with us").*

*24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.*

Matthew 2:1-6

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

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'[b]"

### **Why the Birth of the King Should Make our Hearts Want to Sing**

- **Jesus ushers in New Creation**
  - "An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ..." (Matthew 1:1)
- **Jesus fulfills God's promises**
  - "... the Son of David, the Son of Abraham." (Matthew 1:1)
- **Jesus identifies with all kinds of people**
- **Jesus came to save sinners**
  - "She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

### **The INCARNATION is our INSPIRATION**

#### **How We Know We Mean What We Sing**

- God wants the songs from our lips to be reflected in the service of our lives
- Do you obey the King?
- Do you have faith in the King?
- Do you surrender and submit to the King?
- Do you offer gifts and treasures fit for the King?

### **What Happens When We Sing to the King?**

- **We point people to Christ** (Matthew 2:3-4)
- **We experience peace and rest** (Matthew 1:17)

**We inspire others towards obedience**

**We adore Christ**