

Women's Bible Study 2006/07

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Two: Matthew 2:1–23

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1. Why is the place of Jesus' birth important after reading verses 1 and 4–6?

2. a) Who do you **think** were the Magi?

b) Why do you **think** they would be looking for the king of the Jews if they were from the east?
Read Daniel 1:17, 2:1–4, 2:27–28 and 2:48.

3. Do you **think** Herod had heard of the "Christ" based upon verses 3–8? Be thorough in your answer.

4. a) What did the Magi bring to Jesus and what did they do when they saw Jesus?

b) Name what you have brought or done for Jesus (truly for Him, not for yourself) in the last week?

5. a) After the Magi went a different route home and before Herod realized the Magi weren't returning to him, what did God do to protect Jesus?

b) Tell of a time God protected you from a forthcoming danger.

6. a) Why do you **think** Herod had all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem killed?

b) What have you killed that is of Jesus?

7. What event occurred that allowed Joseph to return to Israel and where in Israel did they settle?

Going Deeper:

8. Describe how prophesy came true that the Messiah would be from both Bethlehem and Nazareth. See Micah 5:2; Psalm 22:6; Isaiah 53:3; John 1:44-46.

9. Describe how God has worked in your life so that events happened in order to fulfill a plan of God.