**Celebrate Christmas (Graphic)**

**Worship the King**

(Luke 2:1,3)

“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world…And everyone went to their own town to register.”

(Matthew 2:1-2)

“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** when it rose and have come **to worship him**.”

(Matthew 2:3-4)

“When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 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. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written”

(Matthew 2:7-8)

“Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “God and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

(Matthew 2:16)

“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 2:9-11)

“After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the child with his mother Mary**, and they bowed down and worshiped him**. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

**Three Responses to Jesus as King:**

1. **Opposition:** Herod opposed Jesus as King.
2. **Dismissal:** Jewish priest dismissed Jesus as King.
3. **Worship:** The Magi worshiped Jesus as King.

**Celebrate Christmas** and worship **Jesus as King** of your life.