



Give Joy [Matthew 2:1-20]

1. The preacher described “joy” as a response to something exceedingly good or satisfying. What makes something exceedingly good or satisfying? When was the last time you've experienced such joy?
2. The preacher said that Christ came to restore his kingdom, a “the reinstatement of the originally intended divine order for the earth, with man properly situated as God's viceregent.”¹ How are the kingdoms of Jesus and Herod different/similar? How does this challenge or affirm your own identity and purpose? Do they function differently in church, school, or work?
3. The Wise Men “rejoiced exceedingly with great joy” at the coming of Christ, a reference to how Israel responded to the arrival of the pinnacle of their own kingdom in 1 Kings 1:40. How do you respond to the news of the coming of Jesus Christ and his desire to usher in His kingdom? What role do you see yourself playing in it?

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1 McCartney, Dan G.: *Ecce Homo: The Coming of the Kingdom as the Restoration of Human Vicegerency*