



# Herod

## A Clash of Kingdoms

Matthew 2:1-12 (Casting Call #2)

12-6-20

### 1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ at war with the true King.

- A. Christmas is a \_\_\_\_\_ scene. Jesus' incarnation drops him right into a war zone, and a war that's been raging since the \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn... The wealth of the nations will come to you... They will bring gold and frankincense..."*  
Isaiah 60:1-6, NIV

- B. The shocker in the text that shows you the hidden war in the Christmas story: where we'd expect \_\_\_\_\_ we find instead \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me."* Romans 7:19-20, NIV

- C. Sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

Romans 5:12 *"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—"*

### 2. Two things about hidden Christmas war: it's a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. It's a fool's errand to \_\_\_\_\_ God. None of us are going to \_\_\_\_\_ God!

*"Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them."*  
Psalm 2:1-5, NIV

- i) If the Christ Child is who he says he is, he is an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ to and \_\_\_\_\_ of those who want to rule their own lives.

- B. The Christmas clash of kings illustrates that God's Son is \_\_\_\_\_! We need not \_\_\_\_\_ for he brings peace.

*"Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end."*  
Isaiah 9:5-7, NIV

*"Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."* Phil 3:18-21, NIV

**Conclusion:** It's not about \_\_\_\_\_. It's about \_\_\_\_\_. But then, he's all about \_\_\_\_\_!