

Inside the Text:

I. Jesus Saves. (Matthew 1:21)

II. Wise Men Seek Him. (Matthew 2:1-2; Numbers 24:17)

A. He fulfills every promise. (Matthew 1-2)

1. Prophecy about a person. (Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14)
2. Prophecy about a place. (Matthew 2:5-6; Micah 5:2)
3. Prophecy about a picture. (Matthew 2:14-15 / Hosea 11:1 & Matthew 2:17-18 / Jeremiah 31:15)
4. Prophecy about a person, place and picture. (Matthew 2:22-23 / John 1:46; Psalm 22:6-8; Isaiah 49:7; Isaiah 53:3)

B. He meets every need. (Matthew 1-2)

1. He offers unconditional acceptance. (Matthew 1:3-6)
2. He offers irresistible grace. (Matthew 1:21)
3. He offers unparalleled understanding. (Matthew 2:16-18; Hebrews 4:14-16)

III. Foolish Men Reject Him. (Matthew 2:3-8 & 13-18)

A. Herod feared the transfer of power. (Matthew 2:3)

B. Herod faked a relationship with God. (Matthew 2:8 & 13)

C. Herod fought against God's anointed. (Matthew 2:16-18)

Apply the Text:

- **Receive the free gift of salvation today!** (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- **Rely on Jesus to fulfill your need for acceptance, grace, and understanding.** (Hebrews 4:6-10)
- **Reflect on the pictures of Christ in the Christmas story.** (Matt. 1-2; Luke 2)
- **Research the connection between the story of Christmas and OT prophecy.** (Matt. 1:22-23; 2:5-6; 14-15; 17-18; 22-23)