



ADVENT WEEK 3 DEVOTIONAL

THE IRON THRONE

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **Matthew 2:1–8**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn?

REFLECT

1. How can a competitive, prideful, or insecure spirit alter a person's behavior?
2. Why was Herod so disturbed—and all Jerusalem with him?
3. What disturbs you today about Jesus?
4. Are you willing to have someone other than yourself on the throne?
5. What are the deceptions you use to cover up the true orientation of your heart?
6. How do you work to effectively “kill” threats to your throne?

RESPOND

On YouTube, watch [Jesus must sit on the throne in your life, He can't one cheek it!](#) Think of five practical ways someone can demonstrate to Jesus they have deferred the throne of their life to Him.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1–8 | New International Version

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.”

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:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a Ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

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, “Go and search carefully for the Child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.”