



## MATTHEW 2:1 – 23

### Introduction

- Matthew was an avid reader of the Old Testament, and his gospel contains \_\_\_\_\_ “fulfillment formulas” (Matthew 1:22, **2:15, 2:17, 2:23**, 3:15, 4:14, 5:17, 8:17, 12:17, 13:35, 13:48, 21:4, 23:32, 26:54, 26:56).
- Matthew is the only gospel that records the visit of the Magi, Herod’s slaughter of the innocents, and the escape to Egypt (Luke 2:22-40, Matthew 2:1-23, Luke 2:41-52, Jesus’ Baptism).
- The Herod mentioned in Matthew 2 was “Herod the \_\_\_\_\_.” He was half Idumean (Edomite), half Arabian, and he ruled Judea under the Romans from 40 BC to 4 BC.
- The “\_\_\_\_\_” (*magos*) were not kings – they were part astronomers (science), part astrologers (religion) who came from Persia in the east (Daniel 2:2, 2:10).

### The Big Idea

- Jesus Christ came to \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament.

## Fulfillment

- Jesus is the true \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel (Matthew 2:1-12 ... Micah 5:2, Ezekiel 34:23).
- Jesus is the true \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 2:13-15 ... Hosea 11:1).
- Jesus established the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 2:16-18 ... Jeremiah 31:15).
- Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD (Matthew 2:19-23 ... Isaiah 52:13-53:12).

## Application

- All of \_\_\_\_\_ experiences were ordained by God (Acts 2:22-24).

*“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.”*  
(Acts 2:22-24)

- All of \_\_\_\_\_ experiences are ordained by God (Acts 4:24-30).

*“And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’ — for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”* (Acts 4:24-30)