

Introduction:

I. Against All Odds

1. Lanzarote - mission trip
 - what are the odds?
 - what is the probability that we'd be here?Here, not only timing of this event - the Christmas event - advent
2. A King (8th)
3. A Virgin (15th)
4. A Town (22nd)
 - no room
5. By all probability - this shouldn't happen

II. Herod Stood in the Way

1. "Troubled" (3)
 - "disturbed" in the NIV
 - easily threatened
 - a "king" but he was the king
 - history - killed all his family members - his wife, two of his own sons, and the Sanhedrin (70 members)
 - therefore, "troubled"
2. So... Killed babies (16-18)
 - two years old and down

III. Why?

1. Another king
 - his day - others was always a taking of the throne - assassinations
 - kill them
2. A rival
 - for the throne
 - for power
 - for control
3. Herod "gets it"
 - he understood another king means he is not king
 - another king interferes with his own plans
4. Do you "get it?"
 - Example "get" a joke
 - Example "get" the math problem
 - Example - Demetrius in Acts 20
 - Paul preached against idols - Demetrius was a silversmith - made idols
 - if people begin to follow Jesus - no idols and no money
 - Example - Jesus interfered with Judaism - left the Jewish faith and followed Jesus
 - Example - Here, interfered with Herod
 - Example - Jane Smith in Richland

5. Jesus demands He be the only king
 - 1) so, my desires are second
 - 2) He leads and I follow
 - 3) “Lord” - I allow Him to be boss
6. Jesus’ coming brought out Herod’s true colors
 - you cannot be boss if Jesus is the boss
 - you must surrender control of: - time, decisions, and feelings
7. Often in a divorce - its about control
 - often in a church split - it’s about control- not doctrineAlways involved with kings/ politicians/ marriages and churches
The real issue? - who’s in control?

IV. Jesus Will Be King

1. Old Testament - “No other gods”
 - the first command - why first? Gotta settle that first
2. New Testament - “Every knee will bow”
 - in the end
 - want Jesus to save us - get to heaven
 - don’t want Him to tell us what to do
3. So... the wise men come - not so wise to Herod
 - a politician’s lie - I’ll come and worship
 - all their prophecies are about to disappear
 - Jesus is about to become your savior - just that close

But, there was a star