

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## *Unstoppable King* **Matthew 2:1-18**

“The Nativity Through Their Eyes”

W1 – The Angels

W2 – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit

W3 – Zachariah & Elizabeth (and John)

W4 – The Wise Men

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Matthew 2  
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Herod was right!  
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Herod was right that Jesus, the Messiah, the child born in Bethlehem was a threat to his kingdom and position.

Jesus would either change him or break him.  
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First Christmas  
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Herod was:

1. *Jealous/Insecure V2-3* – Threatened by a child the one called the King of the Jews  
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2. *Manipulative V8* – God was not fooled by his “I want to worship Him as well” comment.  
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3. *Violent and unreasonable V16* – Killed all the boys under the age of 2  
Emperor Augustus - “It is better to be Herod's pig than son”  
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4. *Thought he was Unstoppable* – even for God!  
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**Michah 5:2**

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
*Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah,  
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me  
The One to be Ruler in Israel,  
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,  
From everlasting.”  
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**Isaiah 9:6-7**

For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.  
The government will rest on his shoulders.  
And he will be called:  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His government and its peace  
will never end.  
He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David  
for all eternity.  
The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies  
will make this happen!  
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And he thinks he can prevent what the prophets had written about, the very Word of God and His plan  
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Yet in everything Herod did he only confirmed that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, King of Kings, Emmanuel was the Unstoppable King. We see it three times in this portion of scripture alone.

1. His birth **V6**
  2. His return from Egypt **V15**
  3. And the loss of children **V18**
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I read this and I wish I could say that Herod was the only person alive that felt threatened by the birth of Jesus Christ.

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what times in my own life **where I have withheld who I am** or what I have done because I felt threatened buy what Jesus Christ might call me into or away from.

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Maybe for you it's:

**Jealous/Insecure** – Not wanting to lose something?

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**Manipulation** – If I only say and do the right things I can convince Him that I am doing things right.

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**Violence or unreasonable** – Maybe it is to be aggressive or rebellious to Him

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**Desire to be unstoppable** – Maybe it's I know better and can do a better job...

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When it all comes down to it, God's plan is: Perfect, and unstoppable! The question for you and me today is where will you stand in that plan?

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Will you embrace it? Which means you will be challenged. You will be changed. And it probably won't look the way you planned it. But you will have confidence I who He is and what He is doing.

Or

Will you fight Him?