

THE FIFTH KING

(MATTHEW 2:1-18)

I. The First “Three Kings” (*Magi, Wise Men*)...

What made them so wise?

- A. They were **Watchmen**: They paid _____.
- B. They were **Travelers**: They paid the _____ of authentic *Faith*.
 - ✓ Their wise decision — God speaks: We move.
- C. They were **Worshippers**: They paid _____.
 - ✓ With their *Presence* more than their *Presents*!
 - ✓ Seeking God’s *Presence* more than His *Presents*!
 - ✓ Their wonderful conclusion: *Who is Jesus? A great king worthy of all praise and honor.*

II. The Fourth King (*Herod*)...

What made him so foolish?

- A. He, too, was a **Watchman**. He was paying _____.
 - ✓ His on-target question: Where is the Messiah?
 - ✓ His on-target concern: *Presence* not *Presents*.
- B. He was *not* a **Traveler**: Others paid the _____ for his authentic *Fear*.
 - ✓ His foolish delusion — I speak: Others move.
- C. He was *not* a **Worshipper**: He demanded to be the one paid _____.
 - ✓ His tragic conclusion: *Who is Jesus? A rival to be hated, a threat to be eliminated.*

III. The Fifth King (*Jesus*)...

What makes Him so special?

- A. He is the greatest of God’s presents: His *Presence*!
- B. *Emmanuel*... God is with us... God is for us... God is saving us...
 - ✓ [Pay attention! Pay the Price! Pay Homage!]