



A King Most Strange

A Strange Way to Save the World #6
Matthew 2:3-8

What we learn from Mad King Herod in our Christmas Story...

1. Christmas is no fantasy... It is about real people in the real world

*Christmas is about something strange, miraculous, happening right here. It's about someone strangely wonderful slipping into this world under the radar, under the insanity, under the wickedness, under the abusive power—yet somehow always above it all...
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2. This is a world where...
 - a. ...there are dangerous people. (Herod was a really dangerous man.)
 - b. ...kings/rulers tend to act & speak similarly. (Herod talked like a real king in our world.)
 - c. We are all, to some extent, like Herod.
3. Jesus, a King Most Strange, is not like Herod at all.

Additional Notes



**Rembrandt van Rijn –
Adoration of the Magi (1634)**

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of
Reno, Nevada**

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Contemporary at Covenant

Welcome to Worship

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him... – Matthew 2:3

Prelude

Welcome & Church Family News – Pastor Jay Hull

Songs of Praise

Samuel Dueñas & the
CPC Praise Band

“Angels We Have Heard on High / Glorious”

“Joy to the World / Unspeakable Joy”

“Come Thou Long-expected Jesus”

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Children’s Prayer Time – Kati Guerrero

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance

Time of Offering

*(Our giving as an act of worship. You are encouraged to
participate however God leads you.)*

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 2:3-8 (p.807)

Message:

“A King Most Strange” Pastor Jay Hull

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Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.*

Song of Response:

“King of Kings”

Final Word of Blessing



Gerrit van Honthorst – Adoration
of the Shepherds (1622)