

After Jesus was born in  
Bethlehem in Judea, during the  
time of King Herod, Magi from  
the east came to Jerusalem  
and asked,

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

<sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they  
replied, “for this is what the  
prophet has written:

6 “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the  
land of Judah,  
are by no means least among  
the rulers of Judah;

for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd  
my people Israel.””

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.



<sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child.

As soon as you find him, report  
to me, so that I too may go and  
worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king,  
they went on their way, and the  
star they had seen when it rose  
went ahead of them until it

stopped over the place where  
the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw  
the star, they were overjoyed.

<sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Then they opened their  
treasures and presented him  
with gifts of gold, frankincense  
and myrrh.

<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.