

11. What do these passages say about the love of God?

*Romans 5:6-8 —*

*Romans 8:31-39 —*

*Romans 8:13-17 —*

*Titus 3:3-8 —*

12. What can you do this Advent to make sure you don't miss Christmas?

13. How can we pray for each other this week?

#### **Quotes to Ponder**

*Blessed Savior, Christ most holy,  
In a manger Thou didst rest;  
Canst Thou stoop again, yet lower,  
And abide within my breast?*

*Enter, then, O Christ most holy;  
Make a Christmas in my heart;  
Make a heaven of my manger;  
It is heaven where Thou art.*

George S. Rowe

*It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the most profound unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie. God became man; Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the incarnation.*

J. I. Packer

*Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.*

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Advent #1: Matthew 2

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. Why would the magi's information and question have *troubled* Herod (*Matthew 2:1-3*)?

Why would *all Jerusalem* be *troubled* with him?

3. Did Herod have enough information to go and find and worship Jesus as the magi did (*Matthew 2:4-8*)?

Why didn't he?

4. Why were the magi probably shocked at the response to their question (*Matthew 2:2-8*)?

5. What effect did Herod's rage have on him (*Matthew 2:16*)?

6. Though *Jeremiah 31:15* isn't technically a prophecy, why can it be con-

sidered one (*Matthew 2:18*)?

7. What indicates that Herod was not alone in his opposition to Jesus (*Matthew 2:20*)?

8. Herod's anger caused him to act brutally. What do the following verses teach about anger?

*Proverbs 14:17* —

*Proverbs 19:19* —

*Proverbs 14:29* —

*Proverbs 22:24-25* —

*Proverbs 15:1* —

*Proverbs 25:28* —

*Proverbs 15:8* —

*Galatians 5:16-25* —

9. Herod missed Christmas. Why do you think so many people today miss Christmas?

10. What was Jesus' purpose for coming to earth (*Luke 19:10*)?