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**Sermon Series:** Irrefutable: Prophecies That Point Us to Jesus

**To be used with Session 6:**

The Ruler Who Cares for His People

**Sermon Title Possibilities:**

The Lord Above Us

**Scripture:** Micah 5:2-5a; Matthew 2:1-6,9-1

**Connection with Unit Theme:** To complement the small group study “*Irrefutable: Prophecies that Us to Jesus*,” this sermon speaks to our hearts concerning the position of Jesus Christ, the power of Jesus Christ, and the praise of Jesus Christ. The point of this message is that Jesus leads and cares for His people.

## Introduction

In this series, we’ve allowed Old and New Testament Scripture to point us to Jesus—and we’ve considered Him as The Life Among Us, The Light For Us, The Liberator For Us, The Leader Over Us, and The Luminary Before Us. Today, we consider Him as The Lord Above Us.

Today, Micah and Matthew point us to Jesus in four ways: Micah 5:2 show us **The Ruler That Was Promised**. Micah 5:3 shows us **The Refuge That Would Be Provided**. Matthew 2:1-6 shows us **The Revelation That Was Prophesied**. And Matthew 2:9-11 shows us **The Response That Is Proper**. As we look at Christ as the Lord above us, think with me about how Christ leads and cares for His people along these four lines.

### 1. Reverence the Ruler that was Promised. (Mic. 5:2)

The fifth chapter of Micah is interesting in that it points to the Person and work of Christ by speaking of the Redeemer of Israel (vv. 1-7), the remnant of Israel (vv. 8-9), and the revival of Israel (vv. 10-15). That Redeemer—Jesus Christ—was the Ruler that was promised. Micah declared that the Ruler of Israel would be born in Bethlehem of Judah and that He has been around since eternity past.

So, the One who is our Redeemer, is also our Ruler. Therefore, we should worship Him (Matt. 4:10), we should surrender to Him (Luke 9:23-25), and we should obey Him (Matt. 7:21-27). Reverence the Ruler that was promised.

### 2. Resort to the Refuge that would be Provided (Mic. 5:3-5)

Micah explains that Christ—or in Christ—is the place of refuge (v. 3), that when His people stand in the strength of the Lord and the majesty of His name—they stand in the power of His refuge (v. 4), and that when His people trust Him in the time of trouble, they stand in the peace/protection of His refuge. This prophecy

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points us to Jesus as our Refuge. The psalmist has said that the Lord is our Rock (Ps. 18:1-2), our Redeemer (Ps. 107:1-2), and our Refuge (Ps. 46:1). The prophecy is about Jesus, but the promise is in Jesus. You and I can resort to the refuge that has been provided for us in Christ Jesus.

### **3. Refer to the Revelation that was Prophesied (Matt. 2:1-6)**

Matthew strategically recorded how the chief priests and scribes quoted from Micah chapter two to explain to King Herod where Christ would be born. In doing so, they essentially told Herod, a human king, that Jesus was the heavenly King promised in the Holy Scriptures.

We ought to refer to this revelation in two ways: you and I should reference the prophecies about Jesus to communicate the faith, and we should read the Word of God to construct our own faith (Rom. 10:17). It's true—the more we know the written Word the more we come to know Jesus Christ, the living Word.

### **4. Release the Response that is Proper (Matt. 2:9-11)**

When the wise men arrived at the place where Jesus was, they responded in three ways that are instructive for us today. They responded with wonder (v.10)—“When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy.” They responded with worship (v.11)—“Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” And finally, they responded in their walk (v. 12)—“And being warned of God in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route.” May the Lord help you and I to release the response that is proper by maintaining a radical wonder in the Lord, a reverent worship of the Lord, and a righteous walk before the Lord.

**Conclusion:** Jesus is our Redeeming Ruler, Jesus is our Refuge, and Jesus is the significant revelation of Scripture; let's respond to Him with faithfulness. May the Lord help us to be faithful in our worship of Him, faithful in our walk with Him, and faithful in our work for Him.

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