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Christmas Delivered - Week #4
Writing your Review

Christmas is delivered when our lives are writing a review worthy of the King!

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Matthew 2:1-6 (NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² 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." ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

• When you see Jesus as a threat, your life will write a hostile review!

⁴ 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."

• When Jesus is simply part of your life, your will life will always write an indifferent review!

Matthew 2:7-12 (NIV)

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

A review fit for a King involves:

1. Humble worship!

- Worship is finding something greater than yourself to surrender to!
- What would those currently reading my review say I am worshipping?

2. Sacrificial obedience!

2 Corinthians 2:15 (NIV)

For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

• What is one area of disobedience that is affecting my review?

3. Life giving hope!

Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

• Is the review your life is writing worthy of the King?