

The Child Who Challenges Self-Rule
Matthew 1:18-2:18

- I. Introduction

- II. Joseph
 - A. Joseph learns of Mary's pregnancy (Matthew 1:18–19; Luke 1:39-56)

 - B. Joseph wrestles with his response to the news

 - C. Joseph is visited by an angel (Matthew 1:20–23)

 - D. Joseph receives the angel's message by faith (Matthew 1:24–25; Romans 1:16–17)

- III. Herod
 - A. Herod learns of Jesus' birth (Matthew 2:1–2)

 - B. Herod responds to the news of Jesus' birth (Matthew 2:3–15; Micah 5:2; 2 Timothy 3:15)

 - C. Herod rejects Christ's rule (Matthew 2:16–18; Ezekiel 33:11)

- IV. Conclusion (Philippians 3:7–9)