

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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***...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32***

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**26:06:16**

**Theme: Mischief of the Rulers**

**Memory verse:** *Acts chapter seven verses eighteen and nineteen: "Till another king arouse, which knew not Joseph. The same dealt subtly with our kindred and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live".*

**Texts: Psalms 2:1-6, Matthew 2:2-11**

When King Herod heard why the wise men came, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. The news of this new born King and the threat to his throne troubled and annoyed him. Most people would rather seek a way of stopping Him from reigning in the people's hearts than to submit their lives to God's appointed King. Though the heathen rage, God has set His King on His holy Mountain.

Herod called all the Jewish leaders to inquire of them where Christ should be born. His search was not out of a pure motive but in a bid to destroy the Messiah. There are still many people today, who use the scriptures to serve their wicked end. These people either misapply its message or turn the book into an object for magical use. The chief priests and scribes could show from the letter in the scriptures that Christ would be born in Bethlehem of Judea (Micah 5: 2), but they had no spiritual insight that He had been born. They carried dead letter and mere intellectual knowledge which could not give them the knowledge of God (2Corinthians 3:6).

Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem expecting a feedback from them and pretending that he too would go and worship the new king. What worship!! Just like the Roman soldiers, who gave Jesus a mock; worship Him before crucifying Him (Matthew 27: 29). Despite all the wicked plans of the heathen, the Lord is always on the side of His people.