

O Little Town of Bethlehem: The Fame and the Fury

Matthew 2:1-12

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A Tale of Two Kings

Apathy

“It is not surprising that they knew the answer. It would be 'shame on them' if they didn't. What is surprising is that they did nothing with the answer.”

Doug O'Donnell

Anxiety

“It isn’t just that I don’t believe in God, and naturally I hope that my belief is right. I hope there is no God! I don’t want there to be a God. I don’t want the universe to be like that. My guess is that this cosmic authority problem is not rare.

[I doubt] “there is anyone who is genuinely indifferent as to whether there is a God.”

Thomas Nagel

Animosity

There is a little Herod inside every one of us.

Adoration

They did not stop their quest until they arrived at the place where Jesus was.

They knew little, but acted on
what little they knew.

Dan Doriani

They spared no expense to bring
gifts worthy of the king.

“In those three gifts we see who he is, what he came to do, and what it cost him. And, like the wise men, we bow in wonder before a God who could love us that much.”

Michael Green

“Of course, Jesus does not return gifts in kind. No matter what some preachers say, Jesus does not give you back two dollars for every dollar you give him. But he does give himself.”

Dan Doriani