

SERMON NOTES

Date: December 6, 2020

Series: Enemies of Advent

Title: Herod's Pride

Text: Matthew 2

Big Idea: King Herod shows us that pride can keep us from the joy of Advent.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

Read Matthew 2. Compare and contrast Herod's response to discovering the birth of the Jewish King to that of the wise men.

How does God protect Jesus and his family from Herod's prideful and vicious plot?

How do we see the fulfillment of Old Testament promises in these verses? What do these fulfillments tell us about God's faithfulness?

APPLY THE TRUTH

How might your pride keep you from experiencing the joy of Advent?

In what ways do you specifically fight with Christ for the throne of your heart?

What do you need to surrender to the lordship of Christ this Christmas (e.g., plans, desires, expectations)?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

What gift of time, thought, effort, or money would demonstrate your love for Jesus and the things he values?