

Bethlehem = too small to be in map - presence, Jesus
exalted to dignity - widow + two mites, alabaster
box - (Caskan child) - slaves

Reactions to Jesus = type, man either for or
against - need no surveys to tell which side of
heaven in - John: Puncter, "what do you believe?"
Men are always found in two groups in regard
to Jesus.

I - hatred + hostility = Herod. Why? afraid
to interfere w/ life, power, position? There are
those who would gladly destroy Jesus because he wants to
interfere with life. (3) Xian is a man who ceases
doing what he likes & does as he likes

→ (4) Herod the King - a usurping - didn't belong
there - no right -

(5) Herod's efforts foolish - if not insubstantial, he
had nothing to fear; if he was, his efforts futile -
we also foolish -

II - complete indifference - Scribes. (1) Didn't make
slightest difference to them. So engrossed in
religion, temple worship, disregarded Jesus -

(2) Too busy, too tied up in own affairs - "Is it nothing
to you?"

(3) Lost me wonder - so close, couldn't see.

Messy Smith - d. 87 - "born in field, don't put in
blower pot; learn to sing from diaphragm, want to
sing from heart. (A) Ashed scent of freshness -

"I never lost the wonder," (B) as a child - at

at 5 all questions, at 18 all answers - "Too soon old &
too late smart,"

(C) nothing is as boring & tiresome as religion w/out
the wonder - Pray for rain & don't carry an umbrella.

- we are weary in well-doing - stand amazed, pit
amused.

- All works & no wonder

→ Del - passenger on long train trip - looking out window
"Wonderful." why - I blind all life. Doctor just gave
me sight & what is ordinary to you is out of world."

III - Adoring Workshop - 3 magi-
wise men. The Gentiles say & sayness to
worship King of Israel - but Israel uncomprehending -
a prelude of his rejection & Meirs - To the Gentiles.

Real gifts -

1. Gold = for a King - Reign not by force,
but love, not from Throne, but Cross.

2. Incense = must meet Him on terms of
Complete surrender - self - Nelson -

"First your sword, then hand"

3. Frankincense = gift for priest = used
in temple worship & sacrifices - He was
a sweet-smelling, sacred ~~to~~ intercessor
for Sinners.

3. Myrrh, gift for me who is to die -
embalm bodies - Jesus came to die.

- making known - knowing on Word

Christians know