

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard

this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Matthew 2:1-6 (NIV)

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**What Happens When
You're Expecting An
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Given An Eternal Ruler
Who Shepherds?**

**The Savior
Has Come to
Shepherd Us**

“Wise people build their lives around what is eternal and squeeze in what is temporary. Not the other way around.”

- John Ortberg

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The Good Shepherd Rules Through Relationship

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep
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“Jesus is my forgiver, my leader, and my friend.” - Lee Strobel

The Good Shepherd Rules Through Sacrifice

“...and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 10:15 (NIV)

Sacrifice: the surrender of something prized or desirable for the sake of something considered as having a higher or more pressing claim.

¹³There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13 (NLT)

“Whatever you base your life on you have to live up to that. Jesus is the one Lord you can live for who already died for you.”

- Tim Keller