

Week 52  
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**Transforming Daily**  
**“... chief priests and scribes ...”**  
*Matthew 2:4*

There are always at least three parties involved in any discussion. Present will be the people who support the subject for discussion, the people against the subject for discussion and those that don't care. As circumstances would have it, most of the time there are more people present who don't care about the subject for discussion than those who are for and against it collectively. That can be a good thing and a bad thing.

On the one hand, it can be a good thing because if someone doesn't care about the subject for discussion, perhaps they can be persuaded. On the other hand, it can be a bad thing because if they don't care about the subject matter for discussion, and they can be persuaded, they might be persuaded against you. The one thing consistent about those that don't care is fear. They are fearful to lose what they have or they are afraid of not getting what they want. In some cases, they fear because their trust and faith in someone or something had been violated.

It always seems to be the case that when God, His Word, or the person of Jesus Christ is the topic for discussion, present in countless number are the liberal and “Fundamental” extremists, as well as, those who don't care or believe in God, His Word, or the person of Jesus Christ. The goal of the media or those hosting such discussions, having invited the aforementioned, is to discredit the view of orthodoxy, orthopraxy, and conservative fundamentalism regarding God, his Word, and the person of Jesus Christ and to normalize perverted views of God, His Word, and the person of Jesus Christ.

That's exactly what happened when Christ was born. The interesting thing in this passage is that the religious leaders were telling the biblical truth, they themselves just didn't believe that *this* Jesus was the fulfillment of it. That was the reason that not only King Herod was troubled, but all of Jerusalem. After all, what if Jesus was who He was said to have been? The people were satisfied where they were and in what they were doing. To do otherwise meant the possibility of losing something they had or not getting something they wanted.

What about you, do you believe the testimony of Scripture? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is who the Bible says He is? Have you exercised faith to receive Him as your personal Savior? Are you persuaded that He is the Son of God, born of a virgin, or are you troubled like Herod and all of Jerusalem was because of the persuasive influence of their faithless chief priests and Scribes?