

## *Personal Application and Conversations*

1. What do you think were the number one “must have gifts” this Christmas season?
2. What do you think our culture is looking for in “a savior” and how do such expectations affect your way of looking at things?
3. Why do we tend to look for other “messiahs” before we reach for God’s ultimate plan to deliver us?
4. Do a bit of an assessment of your current relationship with God and His Son Jesus Christ as we turn the page on 2022.
5. How do you talk about your hope/confidence in the face of chaos and confusion over complex social issues?



## *What the World Needs Now*

### Matthew 2

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**W**e've come a long way, haven't we? While we made a lot of progress in tech, we seem to have slipped back into the dark ages in our emotional, social, and spiritual IQ. But this is Christmas. Good news, the King is among us. God in man is now residing. Let's reflect on what the world needs now. As followers of Christ, we should be excited to talk about the hope that is in us. We have been spending a lot of time in Matthew 2 this month. King Herod actually got it right when the magi showed up, in search of Israel's newborn king of the Jews. He knew that meant they were looking for the Christ (Messiah). But what were his thoughts about this Christ. And what are yours? What have you decided to do with Jesus?

***A Savior***

***A Messiah***

***A Relationship***

***A Hope***