

Matthew 1:18–2:18

It just isn't Christmas without...

...Jesus is the last present people want this year

First reaction - King Herod

The true King of Israel

Christmas means Jesus has come to claim his rightful throne

Herod hates Jesus, he tries to kill him off from his life

Second reaction - The Magi

The Magi love Jesus, they rejoice and worship him

Jesus has come to save, by forgiving our sins.

Gold for a King,
Frankincense is a priestly offering,
Myrrh for embalming a corpse.

Response

If we are fond of Christmas and its traditions, Matthew would want to ask whether we really understand it.

Love Jesus or hate him but either way, move out of the middle ground.