

# Sermon Notes

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-17  
Isaiah 40: 21-24, 27-31

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## Fear of Change

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- I. How we react to change
- II. A quiet fear that unsettles us
  - a. Underlying truth that reminds us how little control we actually have.
  - b. Systems are fragile
  - c. We become aware of what we might lose.
  - d. It is not uniquely modern
- III. Herod the Great
  - a. Not legitimate authority
  - b. Ruthless and violent
  - c. Threatened by any rival or potential
- IV. Magi
  - a. They are different from Herod
  - b. They respond with curiosity
  - c. They are overjoyed.
- V. Christ
  - a. The Christ comes as a child
  - b. God comes in quiet and vulnerability
  - c. Defies definitions of worldly power
- VI. Isaiah
  - a. Mary and Joseph, and Jesus, live this out.
  - b. They follow and trust.
- VII. Which kingdom will we choose?