

Text: Matthew 2:1-23  
Topics: Deception, Evil, Obedience, Plan of God  
Series: The Promised King

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## Not Stopped

God will thwart attempts to destroy His plan to save people through His Son.

### I. Appearance of Magi (1-12)

The adversary uses deception, the Lord gives direction.

### II. Anger of Herod (13-18)

The adversary uses destruction, the Lord gives direction.

### III. Arrival in Nazareth (19-23)

The adversary uses intimidation, the Lord gives direction.

God's plan is trustworthy, because He is!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Jesus is God's plan for what? (Matthew 1:21) What is a practical everyday life application of this for you?
2. What were the evil attempts to destroy Jesus as a small child in Matthew 2? (Matt. 2:7-8, 16)
3. From 1 Peter 5:8 and John 10:10, who is our adversary and what is his intent?
4. Who does our adversary use and how does he work against us? (Ephesians 6:11-12; 2 Corinthians 10:5; and John 8:44)  
  
Can you think of an example of how your faith was challenged in one of the adversary's ways in the past?  
  
Are you facing a challenge in your faith right now? Explain.
5. Read John 8:31-32. How can we keep from falling victim to Satan's schemes, or from becoming his instrument in his work? How might we be deceived, even knowing that this is what we need to do?
6. Hebrews 10:23-25 tells us how we can help others in our spiritual battle. What is one thing you can do this week to make application of this?
7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?