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## The “*Trouble*” With Jesus

*[Title borrowed from Joe Stowell]*

Matthew 2:1-12

(Pew Bible p. 957)

Introduction: God’s *purposeful* Book.

Responding to Jesus is inescapable –  
What will your response be?

1. Variety of responses.

Matthew 2:1-18

2. The most fitting response comes from the least likely people.

Matthew 2: 2, 11

This worship word - literally: *to kneel in homage, to pledge allegiance to*

*Is your response to Jesus...“troubling?”*

1. ‘*Stickin up for Jesus, ’ regardless!* [Joe Stowell]

2. *Accepting Jesus, biblically.*

*Looking ahead – Read 2 Peter 3:1-13 in preparation.*

*(Since there is no LIFElink today or next week, and most Small Groups are on Holiday Break, Discussion Questions are not provided until Jan. 6.)*