

Sermon Reflection: (10 min)

Introduction: What we seek reveals our desires! What have you sought and what does it reveal about you?

The Coming Conflict: The coming of Jesus – Divisive, Revealing our hearts

What did the coming of Jesus reveal about the characters in our story?

The Wise Men

The Government – Herod

The Religious – Scribes and Pharisees

Potential Affliction: Following Jesus being pulled into suffering

Jesus as rescuer – dove into our shame, pain, suffering, affliction, and death to save us!

Which one in the previous list causes you to worship him most this Christmas Season?

God's Sure Guarantee: Jesus can't be dethroned

Jesus as King invites us to come to him

Empty handed

Weaponless

Humble hearted

Those who are trying to dethrone Jesus are:

Exhausted – His Reign is Eternal

Discouraged – They are working on an unwinnable task

When God intervenes

Agendas are crossed

Hope abounds

Assurance fills our doings and beings

Works of the Devil are destroyed

What are you going to do as you stand before Jesus? Worship or War