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Week 3, Journal question 3

1. Matthew's play on the title "king of the Jews" found in chapter 2 seems to mean that there was supposed to be one king of the entire area, King Herod, and he was to rule the Jews and all of the other people simultaneously. There was no "king of the Jews" because the Romans did not even recognize the Jewish people/ faith in many cases. So this shows how the Romans would most likely not believe that Jesus was born the son of the one true God.
2. Two other issues that I learned that I had never seen before were within the power points of lesson 3. One issue was that the Jewish people were forced to either rebel against Roman law or to follow it and "get ahead" by agreeing to put Rome first, ahead of their God. Again, Jewish people were force to make extremely difficult choices in order to survive. The promise of Jesus being born should it seems, have brought the Jewish people great hope. But instead, it only brought some hope. A second issue is that..."Jesus would reveal humanity's real destiny and power, not through intimidation but through self-giving," ironic. The world had been ruled by tyrannical leaders up to this point, and now Jesus would humbly and lovingly show the world how to reach its full potential through love and faith in one God.