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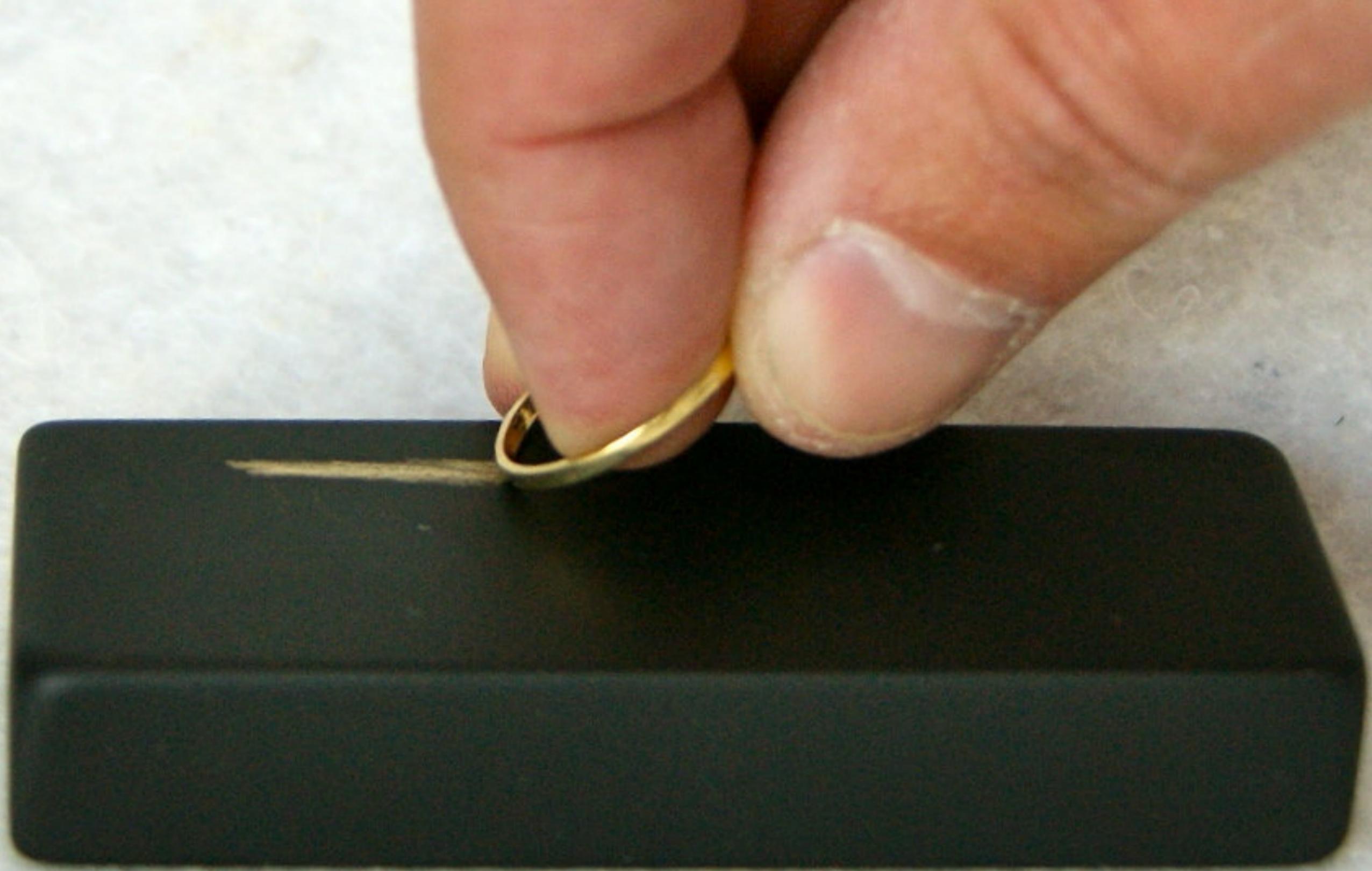
Herod



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EVERY HEART TESTED • EVERY HEART REVEALED

ADVENT:

coming, arrival



touchstone:

any test or criterion for  
determining the quality or  
genuineness of something



Luke  
2:29-32



“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

Luke  
2:34-35



Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Luke  
12:49-53



“I have come to bring fire on the earth,  
and how I wish it were already kindled!  
But I have a baptism to undergo, and  
what constraint I am under until it is  
completed! Do you think I came to  
bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but  
division. From now on there will be five  
in one family divided against each other,

Luke  
12:49-53



three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”



Herod



John the Baptist



Peter



Mary



Matthew  
2:1-18



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

Matthew  
2:1-18



“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

Matthew  
2:1-18



After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew  
2:1-18



When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Matthew  
2:1-18



When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

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Jeremiah  
10:2



This is what the LORD says: “Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them.



## Daniel Dorani

*(Matthew: Reformed  
Expository Commentaries)*



[The chief priests and scribes] had expert knowledge which they presented to others, yet they did not use that knowledge to direct themselves. ... They were satisfied to quote Scripture and go home. ... They expect their deliverer and here are reports that fit the prophecy. Yet, Matthew implies, they do nothing. They do not rejoice; they do not join the Magi. They do not go to Bethlehem to worship this shepherd and ruler or even to investigate the report. ... The apathy of the teachers and priests is pathetic but all too typical. “Religious” people were often the last to receive Jesus.



If Jesus is King, then I can't be king.



## “The Gospel of Caesar Augustus”

The birthday of [Caesar Augustus] has been for the whole world the beginning of the gospel (*euangelion*) concerning him ... The most divine Caesar ... we should consider equal to the Beginning of all things ... for when everything was falling into disorder and tending toward dissolution, he restored it once more and gave the whole world a new aura ... [Augustus] who being sent to us and our descendants as Savior, has put an end to war and has set all things in order and having become god manifest, Caesar has fulfilled all the hopes of earlier times.

Mark  
1:14-15



Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, **proclaiming the gospel** of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand**; repent and believe in **the gospel.**”

Matthew  
4:23



And he went throughout all Galilee,  
teaching in their synagogues and  
proclaiming **the gospel of the  
kingdom** and healing every disease  
and every affliction among the  
people.

Luke 4:43



but he said to them, “I must preach **the gospel of the kingdom of God** to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”

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**The Beatles / 1967-1970**



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