$6 Buys & feeds 1 Chick to Adulthood

$4,371 = 728.5 Chickens
Matthew 2:1

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod...
Herod the Great
(73 B.C. - 4 B.C.)
Announced
“King of the Jews”
by the Roman Senate in
40 BC
Herod was merciless and ferocious warrior. He took 3 years to secure his kingship. Besieged Jerusalem with 11 battalions of infantry and 6000 Calvary. Their goal was to leave no opponents alive. *Josephus*
Herod ruled from 37 B.C. - 4 B.C.

He had 11 wives, 43 Kids

Herod linked to the Jewish Hasmonean dynasty through his marriage with Mariamne.

Herod was a paranoid, but politically savvy ruler
(After Herod had three of his sons executed for suspicion to overthrow him)

Caesar Augustus said, “I’d rather be Herod’s pig (*hus*) than his son (*huios*)”
...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.

Matthew 2:3
Truth can often be found and carried in by outsiders.
We have an entire season every single year dedicated to tell the story of outsiders knowing what God was doing when the insiders did not.
Herod 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 2:8
“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 2:12
They were warned in a dream not to obey the authorities.

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities...The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.” Romans 13:1-2
“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.’” Matthew 12:13
“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.” Matthew 2:16
Forced displacement at record 68.5 million

UNHCR’s annual Global Trends report shows an average of one person was displaced every two seconds in 2017, with developing countries most affected.
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Edmund Hamilton Sears 1849

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world hath suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.
We are forgiven, freed, filled by the Holy Spirit for flourishing life with God, ourselves, others, and creation.
Season of Reconstruction
What is an area of your faith that you would like to see God put back together this year?
Ministry of...
Declaration - Forgiveness
Liberation - Freedom
Inspiration - Filling
I really want to reclaim a theology around the casting out of demons.
We will not be free until we expose, name, and disarm the unseen and unspoken powers, structures, systems, and forces that keep things running as they currently are.
We practice, experience and immerse ourselves in the life giving Spirit of God on a moment to moment basis.