

# The True Measure of Wisdom!

Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup> “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him.” <sup>3</sup> King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”

<sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find Him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship Him, too!”

<sup>9</sup> After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. Matthew 2:1-12

Has there been another time God used special light to guide His people? YES! Exodus 13:21

THE MEN WERE WISE BECAUSE → They didn't let anything keep them from worshipping \_\_\_\_\_!

Not Distance

Not Discomfort

Not Danger

>Christmas Dilemma #1—Lost People want joy & peace Christmas w/o the Worship of JESUS!

>Christmas Dilemma #2—Saved People with much \_\_\_\_\_ worship.

## TWO IMPORTANT ACTIONS OF WISE MEN

1. SEEKING

2. GIVING

### 1. SEEKING HIM! Three Things helped their Journey!

1) **Holy Spirit**— *No one is righteous—not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God.* Rom 3:11  
Christmas Challenge → Quiet place “God I’m listening”

2) **Scriptures**— <sup>2</sup> “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him.” ..... “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, for this is what the prophet wrote: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’

Matthew 2:2,4,5-6 [Micah 5:7]

How did these men know about the Coming King of the Jews? Daniel 9:27

*That is why the Holy Spirit says, Today when you hear His voice, don't harden your hearts.*

Hebrews 3:7

3) **Star**— <sup>8</sup> *That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.* <sup>9</sup> *Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them.*

Luke 2:8-9

The radiance was not because of the angels, but because of God's \_\_\_\_\_!!!

### 2. GIVING TO HIM!

Three Gifts with Meanings!

Why these three??

1) **Gold** = \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup> “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him.”

You will never truly know Christmas until you make Him Your King!

2) Frankincense = \_\_\_\_\_ This seems strange?

Frankincense is the main ingredient in offerings to God in the Old Testament

*with pure frankincense, ...blend together and sprinkle .....with salt to produce a pure and holy incense. <sup>36</sup> Grind some of the mixture into a very fine powder and put it in front of the Ark of the Covenant, where I will meet with you in the Tabernacle. You must treat this incense as most holy.*

*<sup>37</sup> Never use this formula to make this incense for yourselves. It is reserved for the Lord, and you must treat it as holy. <sup>38</sup> Anyone who makes incense like this for personal use will be cut off from the community.*

Exodus 30:35-38

3) Myrrh = \_\_\_\_\_ Okay this is really strange!!

*They offered Him wine drugged with myrrh, but He refused it. Mark 15:23*

### BAROMETER WHERE YOU ARE SPIRITUALLY

Which means more to you >Baby in a manger? >Savior on a Cross?

How Can You Be Wise? Recognize Jesus as.....

**Your King**— Your WEALTH belongs to Him!

**Your God**— Your WORSHIP belongs to Him!

**Your Savior**— Your WITNESS belongs to Him!

How to Have a REAL Christmas? Receive Him and GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

### Answers:

Jesus, Half Hearted, Presence,  
Kingship, God, Death



 **Christmas Post Office**

This "post office" has two functions. It allows you to give cards to all your friends here at DLBC and supports foreign missions. The idea is for you to take the money you would spend on postage and put it in the offering envelope and mark it "Missions".

Thank you.



Join us for a Special Service | 5 pm

**Christmas Eve**

•CANDLELIGHT SERVICE•  
Deltona Lakes Baptist Church- 2886 Elkcam Blvd.