

# Wise Men Sought Jesus -Wise Men Still Do

## Matthew 2:1-11

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### INTRODUCTION:

#### A. Lesson Text: Matthew 2:1-11

1. At His birth: The question was asked: “Where is He that is born King of the Jews?”
2. At His death: The sign above the cross read - “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews”
  - a. Jesus grew up in Nazareth.
  - b. Jesus was the “King of kings and Lord of lords.”
  - c. People today still need to know about Him . . . Where He is . . . And why.

#### B. There is much we do not know about these men:

1. How many men were there?
2. What country or countries were they from?
3. How far did they travel?
4. What were their names?
5. Were they Jews or Gentiles?
6. How old was Jesus when the wise men arrived in Bethlehem? A few days . . . weeks . . . months . . . Two years . . . Etc.

#### C. Tradition has spoken loudly where the Scriptures have remained silent.

1. Tradition has assigned a number: Three
2. Tradition has assigned their names:
  - a. **Baltasar** . . . King of Arabia
  - b. **Gaspar** . . . King of India
  - c. **Melchior** . . . King of Persia
3. Tradition has assigned their country: Parthia

#### D. Let us observe four things:

1. What they **SOUGHT**.
2. What they **THOUGHT**.
3. What they **BROUGHT**.
4. What they **TAUGHT**.

### WHAT THEY SOUGHT.

#### A. Their question: “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?”

##### Matthew 2:2

1. A Man . . . . . “Where is He”
2. A Monarch . . . . . “Born King”
3. A Messiah . . . . . “Of the Jews”

#### B. Their quest:

1. Their quest was a response to **revelation** . . . “We have seen”
2. Their quest involved **adoration** . . . “We are come to worship”

### **WHAT THEY THOUGHT.**

- A. They substituted **REASON** for **REVELATION**. 2:1-2  
    ▣▣▣▣➔ (Which took them to Jerusalem and Herod)
- B. They substituted **REVELATION** for **REASON**. 2:10-11  
    ▣▣▣▣➔ (Which took them to Bethlehem and Christ)

### **WHAT THEY BROUGHT.**

- A. **Gold** . . . A gift for a mighty **King**.
- B. **Frankincense** . . . A gift for a ministering **Priest**.
- C. **Myrrh** . . . A gift for a martyred **Prophet**.

### **WHAT THEY TAUGHT.**

- A. Some who are far away find Christ before some who are nearer.
- B. The find is well worth every effort of the search. Finding Christ is worth all the effort one puts forth.
  1. **Matthew 7:7** – “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”
  2. **Matthew 6:33** – “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
- C. Never substitute **REASON** for **REVELATION**.
  1. Never let what you think override what God has revealed.
  2. Never let your preferences override the stated will of God.
  3. Attitude: “None of self and all of Thee”
  4. What God has said is far more important . . . Eternally more important than what we think, feel, or desire.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. Much can be learned about the wise men who visited Jesus.
  1. What they **SOUGHT**.
  2. What they **THOUGHT**.
  3. What they **BROUGHT**.
  4. What they **TAUGHT**.
- B. One family, one journey, one child who would change the world forever.
- C. **God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation**