

January 9th, 2022 Sermon Bible Study (Epiphany)

Sermon: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ²“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet: ⁶You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.” ⁷Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

Theme: Wise Men Seek Jesus

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Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

- 1. Why had the Wise Men traveled so far? Who were they looking for and what did they intend to do when they found him?**
- 2. Herod was disturbed by the information the Wise Men gave him. Why? Jerusalem was also disturbed, but for a different reason. What were they afraid of? (See Matthew 2:16-18)**
- 3. When the Wise Men found Jesus they did two things that naturally flow out of faith. What were those two things? What does this tell us about the Wise Men’s spiritual life?**
- 4. 2 Timothy 3:15 says the Holy Scriptures “are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” If we are also wise what will we do with our lives (just as the Wise Men did)?**