

## BORN King of the Jews? ~ Matthew 2:1-18

→Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-6

### SEEKING the KING ~ Matthew 2:1-6

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.

→MAP

#### Things we are NOT Told...

- how MANY there were WHERE they came from
- WHERE they came From
- HOW they got to Jerusalem
- their NAMES

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> ""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 be the shepherd of my people Israel.

### APPLICATION

Knowledge of Scripture does not guarantee that your heart is RIGHT with God. HCSB

**John 1:10-11** (CSB) HE was **in the world**, and the world was created through Him, and yet the world did not recognize Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to **HIS OWN**, and **His own people** did **NOT receive Him**.

→It is not **WHAT** you Know

→It is **WHO** you Know

### GIFTS for the KING ~ Matthew 2:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> 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 and of incense and of myrrh.

**Isaiah 60:6** (NLT) Vast caravans of camels will converge on you, the camels of Midian and Ephah. The people of Sheba will bring **GOLD** and **FRANKINCENSE** and will come **WORSHIPING** the LORD.

Their giving was not so much an addition to their worship as an element of it. The gifts were an Expression of Worship, given out of the Overflow of Adoring and grateful hearts. MacArthur

#### The Gifts of the Magi... MacArthur

- Gold- for His Royalty
- Frankincense- for His Deity
- Myrrh- for His Humanity

<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

→MAP

## APPLICATION

<sup>2</sup> ...We saw HIS STAR in the east and have come to WORSHIP HIM.

### **How did God reveal Himself to the Wise-Men?** LAB

- General Revelation Nature
- Special Revelation God's Word or a Vision

### **Their WORSHIP Included...**

- making the EFFORT
- Refusal to GIVE UP
- deep HUMILITY
- being Generous

Honoring Christ for who He is and being willing to give Him what is valuable to you. Worship God because He is the perfect, just, and almighty Creator of the universe, worthy of the best you have to give. LAB

## Trying to DESTROY the KING ~ Matthew 2:13-18

<sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> 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."

### **PROOF that Jesus IS the King of the JEWS**

- Wise Men sought and Found Him
- Herod hated Him and tried to Kill Him
- Prophecies were Fulfilled by Him

## APPLICATION

## TAKE AWAY??

### **The Wise Men Responded by BOWING in...**

- Surrender - submission to the God who brought them there
- Acceptance - believing this was the King of the Jews
- Worship - humbly adoring and praising the King