

Wise Men Still Seek Jesus Today

Matthew 2:1-12



Wise Men From Afar



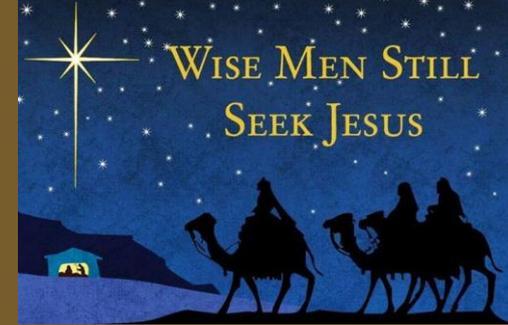
- v.1) Who are these **wise men** coming from the East? (Yamen? Iran?)
- They are learned men (magi, may not be kings)
- They might have **some passages of the Bible** with them (especially Daniel and Ezra)
- They may even have the **Targum** (Targumim)— Old Testament in Aramaic, which was popular since 100 BC, may be even earlier.



A Guide in the Sky

- (v.2) They have the **star** to guide them
- There was a supernova happened in the spring of 5 BC that lasted for 2 months
- Regulus was also conjoined with Jupiter
- Or something all together **supernatural**
- Number 24:17—it was a prophecy from of old
- Rev 22:16—Jesus was referred as the “bright morning star”

What Made Them Wise?



- The main thing is that they have come to worship the King
- They seek after Jesus, which was what really make them wise (Prov. 9:9-10; 2:1-5)
- (Prov. 3:7) Nevertheless, many people are wise in their own eyes (Rom. 1:21-23)
- We still do the same thing, seeking many things instead of Jesus—the only one that truly satisfy



1. Wisdom in God's Word

- Although we do not know how much **God's word** did they have, we know that **faith** comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17)
- 2 Tim. 3:15-17—makes us wise (Psalm 119:105)
- Psalm 1—where are you **planted**?
- John 5:39-40—it is not just an intellectual exercise, it is about a relationship with Christ



GOD'S WORD



DO YOU TRULY
DESIRE GOD?

2. Wisdom in Going

- Many people know the truth and do nothing
- (Phil 4:9) we are called to **practice** the truth
- This require a desire for God (i.e. long journey)
- (Matt 2:10) with great joy
- (2 Peter 1:8-10) and this desire must increase
- Where are you going? (Luke 6:46)
- What are you seeking? (Matt. 7:7)



3. Wisdom in Worship



- They came to worship—with **humility**
- Luke 10:21—like a little child
- (Psalm 95:1-7) He deserve our praise
- (2:11) They worship with **gifts**
- What do you bring as a gift to Jesus?
- (Romans 12:1-3) as a living sacrifice (growing)





Conclusion

- The wise men were wise, not just because of their **learning**, but because of their **heart**
- They **desire** and **seek** after God
 - 1) In **God's word** we can find wisdom
 - 2) In **practicing the truth** we can find wisdom
 - 3) In **worshiping God** we can find wisdom
- Is your wisdom **growing**? If not, as least now you know why...what are you going to do?