

## **Are We As Wise As They?**

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

#### **Introduction:**

- A. This morning we talked about the wise men and their worship of Jesus. Tonight let's look back at this cast of characters and see what else we can learn from these men.
- B. There are several valuable lessons for us to consider from their search for Jesus.

#### **They Stepped Out in Faith (vs. 1-2)**

- A. When the wise men saw the star rising, they stepped out in faith and made the long journey in search of Jesus.
- B. Throughout scripture, we see God taking care of His people when they stepped out in faith (Gen. 12; Exo. 13:21-22).
- C. We must always remember that we are called to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).

#### **They Made Many Sacrifices (vs. 1-2, 11)**

- A. These men made financial sacrifices through their travel and gifts.
- B. These men made personal sacrifices by what they were willing to leave behind.
- C. Coming to Jesus will cost us both financially and personally (I Cor. 16:1-2; Lk. 14:26-33; Gal. 5:19-21).

#### **They Were Not Concerned With What Others Thought (vs. 3-10)**

- A. The wise men sought out Jesus even when it appeared those around them did not (Jn. 1:10-11).
- B. These men were not ashamed of what they came to do. They came to worship Jesus and it did not matter whether others were going to do the same (v. 10).
- C. Some people are afraid of what others might think if they seek Jesus (Jn. 7:13; 9:20-22).
- D. Our prayer should always be that we are not ashamed of Christ Jesus (Phil. 1:20).

#### **They Listened to God and Not Man (v. 12)**

- A. When having to decide who to listen to, these men chose to listen to God and not King Herod.
- B. We must always choose to listen to God over man (Acts 5:29; Gal. 1:10).

#### **They Did Not Wait to Seek Jesus**

- A. These men did not wait until Jesus grew up and became a man before they sought Him.
- B. We should not linger when it comes to Jesus (Lk. 12:13-21; 2 Cor. 6:2).

#### **Conclusion:**

- A. These men who came from the east have a lot to teach us for our walk with the Lord.
- B. Are we as wise as they are?