

Portraits of Christmas
The Magi: Wisdom Worships
Matthew 2:1-18

“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:2

Question: What are you looking for this Christmas?

Setting the context:

1. A star appears in the _____.

Magi- magician, astrologer, sorcerer or wise person; one trained in the science of astronomy.

2. The star prompts the Magi to _____.

Just as the shepherds, the Magi go to worship Jesus.

3. Herod and the Jewish leaders are _____ at the news.

Jesus is “born king” not “born to be king” or “will become king at some point.”

4. Divine _____ will be upon Jesus and family.

“And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.”

Matthew 2:12

Main Point: Those truly seeking Jesus will always _____.

Lessons from the Magi:

1. Seeking and finding Jesus causes _____.

“...they saw the child...and they fell down and worshiped him.”

Matthew 2:11

2. Jesus’ _____ provokes fear, hostility and acceptance.

“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.”

Matthew 2:3

3. Outside pressure should never _____ worship.

Do not let the reactions of others dictate your worship!

4. The plans of God cannot be _____.

“...that what was spoken by the prophet(s)...” is mentioned 3 different times. God’s plans will always prevail.

Wrap Up:

Are you earnestly seeking Jesus? Or are you comfortable with just being aware that there is a person Jesus?

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, December 21st, 2014

Next week: Seeking Revival through Humility and Honesty