

The Wise Men Worship Jesus



We saw His star when it rose and have come
to worship Him. Matthew 2:2

Micah 5:1-5 - *The Ruler to Be Born in Bethlehem*

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. 2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

3 Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

5 And He shall be their peace.

Matthew 2:1-12 - *The Wise Men Worship Jesus*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “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.”

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

**6‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a Ruler
who will shepherd My people Israel.’”**

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.”

9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

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

A Closer Look: *The Wise Men Worship Jesus*

- 1. Why did the wise men follow the star?** *(They wanted to worship the new King)*
- 2. Why do you think they stopped in Jerusalem?** *(Jerusalem was the capital city. The star may have led them there.)*
- 3. King Herod asked his advisors where the child was to be born. What did they say?** *(They told what the prophet had said of Jesus birth. He was to be born in Bethlehem.)*
- 4. How did the wise men react as the star led them to the home of Jesus?** *(“They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”)*
- 5. When they saw Jesus, what did they do?** *(They knelt and worshipped Him. They gave Him gifts.)*
- 6. Name the gifts they gave?** *(gold, frankincense, and myrrh)*
- 7. The evil King Herod hoped to kill the baby Jesus. He wanted the wise men to lead him to Jesus. Who warned the wise men not to go back to Jerusalem?** *(God in a dream)*
- 8. Jesus was Jewish and the wise men were gentiles from another country. Who did Jesus come to save?** *(Jesus came to save all people from their sin. This includes you!)*
- 9. Jesus is called a King. Where does He rule?** *(He rules the universe.)* **Is Jesus your King too?** *(Yes!)*