



# WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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**Introduction:** Today as we look at the birth of Jesus Christ, we are going to center our attention on some key participants in the story that are often neglected but who illustrate the right response to the good news of Christ's entrance into the world.

## I. **The Identity of the Wise Men** (Matthew 2:1-9)

### A. **Their Origin** (Matthew 2:1)

Matthew 2:1 "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,"

### B. **Their Question** (Matthew 2:2-8)

Matthew 2:2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:3 "And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."

Matthew 2:4 "And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born."

### C. **Their Journey to Bethlehem** (Matthew 2:9)

Matthew 2:9 "And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was."



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## II. The Worship of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:10-12)

- A. The Offering of Gold
- B. The Offering of Frankincense
- C. The Offering of Myrrh

Isaiah 53:4-5 <sup>4</sup> “Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.”

## III. The Wisdom of the Wise Men

- A. They Were Wise Enough to Search for the King
- B. They Were Wise Enough to Worship the King

Conclusion