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## **MESSAGE NOTES**

Sunday, December 13

Introduction	
<b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>	,

Now after Jesus was born into Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Harod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, <sup>2</sup>Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His start in the east and have come to worship Him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONT THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called the magi and determind from them the exact time the star appeared. 8And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." 9After hearing the king, they went on their way; and the star, which thye had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. 10When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their reasures, they presendted to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

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How do I develop Biblical joy?	
#1. Keep looking for Jesus 2"Where is He" vs. 2	
#2 Stay connected to Scripture "this is what has been written by the prophet:" vs.5	
#3 Sincerely worship  "(we)have come to worship HIm." vs. 2  "so that I too may come and worship Him."  vs. 8  "they fell to the ground and worshiped Him."  vs. 11	
#4 Give Him your best "opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." vs. 12	
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Prayer Requests:

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Group Discussion: When was the first time you attended a Christmas Eve service and what did you think of it?

Read: Matthew 2:1-12, How do I develop Biblical joy?

- #1. Keep looking for Jesus, 2 "Where is He..." vs. 2. How does your family involve/include or remind yourselves of Jesus in your Christmas activities? What plays the largest role of keeping Christ in Christmas in your family: Christmas music, Scripture reading, Church attendance or Decorations? Why do you think you got in that habit? How would you like to grow Jesus involvement in Christmas?
- #2. Stay connected to Scripture, "...this is what has been written by the prophet:" vs. 5. Would you be willing to read some of the Christmas story out of the Bible everyday? Here's a reading assignment for everyday leading up to Christmas: Begin Monday, Dec. 14th, Lk. 1:1-17; 15th Lk. 1:18-25; 16th Lk. 1:26-38; 17th Lk. 1:39-45; 18th Lk. 1:46-56; 19th Lk. 1:57-66; 20th Lk. 1:67-80; 21st Matt. 1:18-25; 22nd Matt. 2:1-12; 23rd Matt. 2:13-21; 24th Lk. 2:1-7; 25th Lk. 2:8-20.
- #3. Sincerely worship, "(we)...have come to worship Him." Vs. 2, "...so that I too may come and worship Him." vs. 8, "they fell to the ground and worshiped Him." vs. 11. What is the most meaningful type of worship for you: music, teaching, prayer, reflection, meditation, silence, reading, memorizing, responsive reading, communion, reciting the Lord's prayer or reciting Psalm 23? Why? How did you realize that was your favorite type of worship?
- #4. Give Him your best, "...opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." vs. 12. When did you start giving your time? Your talent? Your treasure? Do you feel like you give out of habit or heart?

Family Time: Work with your kids on the advent box which Pastor Jen and GateWay supplied you.