

# Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are  
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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Matthew 2

The Magi – Part 1

## Main Idea:

Unexpectedly, gentiles from a distant land were among the first to recognize Jesus and to worship Him. Israel's religious leaders, on the other hand were indifferent about the news of His birth, while Herod sought to murder him.

## Outline:

1. Uninvited visitors
2. Unexpected news
3. Unimaginable wickedness

## Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- 1) Why (and how) is Matthew's record of the worship of Jesus by the Magi important?
- 2) More specifically, is it important that Matthew shows us gentiles recognizing and worshipping Jesus? In what way/ways?
- 3) How is the sovereignty of God evident in today's text?
- 4) What are some of the dangers of relying on tradition-steeped characterizations of biblical texts instead of careful Bible study?

### Select helpful resources:

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