

Come Let us Adore Him Part 2

Matthew 2

1 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 have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.**”

3 **When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

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‘But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: **gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

Last Week:

Isaiah 7

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

The Prophet said Jesus would be a sign to Judah.

- signal
- a distinguished mark
- a reminder
- warning

The Coming of Jesus was a Sign or Signal to his people, and according to this passage He was just that. The Coming of Jesus was taken very different by many...

Proverbs 27:21

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,
but people are tested by their praise.

1. Some completely missed the Lord

Vs. 1

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, **wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.**

Think about this for a minute:

- After all the prophecies
- All the prayers for the Messiah to come
- Jesus came to his own and they missed Him.
- The ones who did seek Jesus came from far away.

John 1:10,11

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

- He came to His own and they missed their opportunity to praise him,
“people are tested by their praise.”

2. Some received the Lord

Luke 2 - The Keeper of the Inn

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

- Jesus was received by some
- Because there was no room in the inn, they gave him meager accommodations...
- Nothing to lavish...
- Nothing fit for a King...
- They gave Jesus a manger...

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Luke 2 - The Shepherds in the Field

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

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16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

- They received Jesus in a manger and spread the word about him to others because of what they saw, but that was about it... **people are tested by their praise.**

3. Some Resisted the Lord

Matthew 2

1^b Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

3 **When King Herod heard this he was disturbed**, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied...

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16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, **he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under**, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

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- The coming of Jesus was a revealer of the wicked heart of Herod...
- Because Jesus came, every boy in that vicinity 2 yrs and under was killed...
- Jesus is a Sign...
- I hope we’re getting this this morning...
- Some Missed Him...
- Some Received Him...
- Some Resisted and even Detested Him...
- There is a Spirit in this world that genuinely wants to stop what God wills for man...



The Dream Center 

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Friends, we learned last night that L.A. County is cancelling Christmas for the thousands we serve.

Everyday, for the past 280 days, we have served 1.4 million meals out of our kitchen in Echo Park. We made sure that 1500 families had a complete Thanksgiving meal. For Christmas, we planned to give out 20,000 presents, 1000 hams, and 250 bikes in our very safe, no contact Christmas Dreamland Drive-thru. We wanted to give our community one of the greatest Christmases of all time. Sadly, LA County is shutting us down, preventing us from serving the thousands who come to us daily for meals and remote learning during this pandemic. And now, our Christmas drive-thru for the children is cancelled. We are heartbroken being forced into this bubble. But we will comply. We are so sorry, but this was not a Dream Center decision. Your prayers are coveted.



4. Some Worship Him

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Vs. 1,2

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10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: **gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

It was common – especially in the East – that one would never appear before royalty or a person of importance without bringing **gifts**.

Because the wise men believe Jesus was the Promised King of the Jews, it is not surprising that they gave such lavish gifts.

It's believed that there were three wise men because there were three gifts.

It says they, “fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: **gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**”

Gold speaks of royalty,
Frankincense speaks of divinity,
Myrrh speaks of His death.

They Worshipped Jesus Because:

He deserves the Glory...

Because of who He is...

Because of what He's done or is about to do...

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but people are tested by their praise.

Gold - They Worshiped God with their Offering - He deserves the Glory
Frankincense - They Worshiped God with their Worship - Because of who
He is...

Myrrh - They Worshiped God with their Praise - Because of what He's done
and about to do...

Closing:

This Christmas Season

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

Worshipped Jesus Because:

He deserves the Glory...

Because of who He is...

Because of what He's done or is about to do...