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## **Sermon Summary**

**Date: November 5, 2023**

### **Matthew 2:1-12 The Source of Wisdom**

"God's sovereignty guided the magi to Jesus, contrasting with King Herod's turmoil-causing rule." #GodsSovereignty

"True peace, rooted in Christ's birth, transforms chaos into order as prophesied by Micah." #PromiseOfPeace

"The peace of Christ is an active presence that refreshes the mind and spirit." #Peace

"The wisdom of the wise men did not lead them to launch their quest to find Jesus. Rather, they were wise because they chose to seek the Messiah." #Inspiration #Wisdom

"The transformative power of divine wisdom guides us to a life of purpose and peace." #GodIsMoving

"Choosing God's wisdom leads to life, while man's wisdom leads to death." #Wisdom #ChooseWisely

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but an active, renewing presence in our lives." #Peace #Renewal

"God's peace protects our thought lives and defines our hope for eternity." #Hope #ProtectivePeace

"The depth of our relationship with Christ correlates with the level of peace in our lives." #PeacefulRelationship

## **Overview**

Join us as we explore the themes of divine wisdom and peace that weave through the story of the magi and King Herod in Matthew chapter two. Connect with God as we reflect on the Godly wisdom that guided the wise men to the newborn Messiah, contrasting sharply with the human wisdom of Herod, consumed by fear and jealousy. We tackle common misconceptions about the wise men, their gifts, and the significance of their journey, all while emphasizing the need for scriptural accuracy. In this teaching we see that the magi's insight was not of their own but a divine revelation, and their quest to find Jesus was orchestrated by God himself.

In our engaging discussion, we also delve into the Biblical concept of peace – a supernatural peace which surpasses the transient peace offered by the world. Discover how Biblical peace is an active state of being in harmony with God, rather than simply the absence of conflict. As we recount the events surrounding Jesus' birth, we draw attention to the characteristic nature of this peace having both direction and force, highlighting how it renews the mind and spirit. This sermon is an invitation to men to rise up in fulfilling their Biblical roles as leaders, while demonstrating the importance of trusting in Jesus for guidance and protection. The teaching culminates in a powerful reminder of the choice we all face: to embrace God's wisdom, which brings life, or to cling to human wisdom, which leads to destruction.

#Wisdom #Purpose #Peace #Abiding #Renewal #Leaders #Faith #Trust  
#DivineAppointments #Submission #Wisdom

### **Takeaways for the Week**

1. The sermon explores the theme of divine wisdom as contrasted with human wisdom through the narrative of the magi and King Herod in Matthew chapter two.
2. The magi's journey to the newborn Messiah is presented as a divine mission that contrasts with Herod's fear and jealousy.
3. True peace is described as being rooted in Christ, contrasting with the world's temporary peace that depends on circumstances.
4. Men are called to step up as leaders in their communities and families, anchoring them in the peace that comes from Christ.
5. The sermon emphasizes the choice between following God's wisdom, which leads to life, or man's wisdom, which leads to death.
6. Listeners are encouraged to actively seek Jesus and submit to His divine plan to find purpose and peace.

### **Questions for Consideration and Prayer**

1. Reflecting on the sermon's examination of godly wisdom versus human wisdom in Matthew chapter two, discuss the different ways we can discern God's guidance in our lives today. (Matthew 2:1-12, James 1:5)
2. The sermon mentions the peace that Christ's birth heralds, as prophesied by Micah. How does this peace differ from the world's definition of peace, and how can we actively pursue this peace in our daily lives? (Micah 5:5, John 14:27)

3. Consider the role of men as leaders in their communities, as discussed in the sermon. How can men today fulfill their biblical roles to bring about peace and stability in their families and communities? (1 Timothy 3:4-5, Ephesians 5:25-28)
4. Discuss the importance of surrendering to God's wisdom over our own. How does the sermon illustrate the consequences of following flawed human reasoning versus divine wisdom? (Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 Corinthians 1:25)
5. The sermon challenges listeners to seek Jesus and submit to His plan for their lives. Share personal experiences or insights on how making this choice has led to transformation and a sense of purpose. (Matthew 6:33, Romans 12:2)
6. The sermon emphasizes the magi's divine guidance to avoid Herod's plans. How can we, as followers of Christ, discern when to heed divine warnings and avoid the snares set by worldly influences? (Matthew 2:12, Proverbs 16:9)
7. Reflect on the concept of peace as an active presence that renews the mind and spirit, as described in the sermon. How can we cultivate this type of peace in the midst of life's storms? (Philippians 4:7, Isaiah 26:3)
8. The sermon speaks to the transformative power of divine wisdom in our lives. How can we open ourselves to receiving this wisdom, and in what ways can it guide us toward a life of purpose and peace? (James 3:17, Colossians 3:15-16)
9. Discuss the sermon's view on the relationship between our depth of relationship with Christ and the level of peace in our lives. How can we deepen our relationship with Jesus to experience His peace more fully? (John 15:4-5, Psalm 34:14)