

WHAT MADE THE WISE MEN WISE?
The Stories of Christmas – Part 4
Matthew 2:1-12

1. They asked questions when they were confused

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, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?” (1-2)

2. They had a proper view of self

For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him. (2)

3. They sacrificed temporary resources to discover eternal truth

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. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. (9-10)

4. They gave generously expecting nothing in return

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. (11)

5. They were obedient when receiving new revelation

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. (12)