

✦ They Came to Worship — A Journey Worth Taking

Matthew 2:1–12

📖 Scripture Focus

“Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.”

— Matthew 2:2

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.”

— Matthew 2:10

📝 Devotional Notes (Viewer-Facing)

Overview

Christmas reminds us that **worship is not passive—it is a pursuit.**

The Magi did not stumble into worship; they *set their hearts* toward it.

They came with intention, endured the journey, and rejoiced when they encountered Jesus.

Worship doesn’t begin when we arrive—it begins when we decide to go.

Jesus is worth the journey.

1 Worship Begins with Intention

The Magi had:

- A clear mission
- A long and costly journey
- Obstacles and uncertainty
- A deceptive king trying to derail them

Yet they kept following the star.

Worship is not accidental—it is a **daily choice** to pursue Jesus despite:

- Distractions

- Detours
- Opposition
- Roadblocks

The journey of worship reveals what—and *Who*—we truly love.

2 Worship Is About the Object, Not the Atmosphere

When the Magi entered the house, *they saw the Child*—and fell down.

They did not worship:

- The star
- The prophecy
- The moment
- The emotion

They worshipped **Jesus**.

Worship is not about what surrounds us—
it is about **who stands before us**.

3 Worship Has a Posture: *They Fell Down*

Before gifts were opened...

Before words were spoken...

Before anything else—**they bowed**.

Their posture declared what their hearts believed:

Jesus is King.

True worship is marked by:

- Surrender
- Humility
- Reverence
- Awe

Worship begins when we bow.

4 **Worship Has an Act: *They Worshipped Him***

Matthew states it simply:

“They fell down and worshipped Him.”

Worship is more than belief—it is **response**:

- Devotion
- Affection
- Obedience

What we give our time, affection, and attention to reveals our true king.

5 **Worship Has a Protocol: *They Opened Their Treasures***

They presented gifts:

- **Gold** — honor for a King
- **Frankincense** — worship for God
- **Myrrh** — a prophetic sign of sacrifice

In Scripture, no one approaches a king empty-handed.

True worship always involves giving:

- Our hearts
- Our obedience
- Our time
- Our surrender

Worship costs—but it is always worth it.

Devotional Challenge

Ask yourself today:

- What do I need to leave behind to pursue Jesus more fully?
- Am I worshipping Him with intention or convenience?
- What gift—time, obedience, devotion—is God asking me to bring?

Like the Magi, choose the journey.

Choose worship.

Devotional Prayer

Jesus,

I want to be like the wise men—
intentional in my worship,
faithful in the journey,
focused on You alone.

Restore in me a heart that bows low,
a spirit that gives freely,
and a life that seeks You above all else.

You are my King,
and You are worthy of my worship.
Amen.