



WHERE IS HE?
Because we have come to *Worship*

Christmas Pop Quiz

1. How many wise men or kings or magi came to see Jesus?
2. Matthew 2:8 says that Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was. Why does this verse say he wanted to know?
3. How old was Jesus when the wise men found him?
4. What are the three gifts which are mentioned being given by the wise men?
5. Which Roman ruler ordered all the young children around Bethlehem to be killed?
6. What animals does the Bible say were present at the birth of Jesus?



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Our Christmas Series

When we come to know who Jesus is in truth

We will continue seeking and finding him at great costs

And when we find him, we will worship him with our entire lives

And our worship of Jesus will reroute our life direction. (Christmas Eve)



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They Worshiped Him

9 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:9-11 NLT)



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προσκυνέω (proskyneō)

To do reverence or homage by kissing the hand; in NT to do reverence or homage by prostration, [Mt. 2:2, 8, 11; 20:20](#); [Lk. 4:7; 24:52](#); to pay divine homage, worship, adore, [Mt. 4:10](#); [Jn. 4:20, 21](#); [Heb. 1:6](#); to bow one's self in adoration, [Heb. 11:21](#)



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8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”

10 “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say,

‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’ ” Matthew 4:8-10



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Worship Assessment

Have I come to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

Have I come to the realization that Jesus Christ deserves my
worship?

Is there evidence in my life, any public display of worship?

Am I displaying my reverence for Jesus Christ in special honor
and respect?



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The Worship Direction of My Life

The Magi set out to find the newborn King of the Jews, the Messiah, so that they could bow down and worship him. They found him and they worshiped him, and gave him the gifts they prepared for him to honor him publicly.



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The Worship Direction of My Life

Our worship gives direction to our lives. Our worship is a pointer to our future trajectory. (Romans 1:18-25, 8:29)

Greg Beale authored *We Become What We Worship*

“What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or for restoration.”



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If you reverence Jesus Christ in your heart, let it pour out in public. Believe in Him and give Him your heart and life.

If Jesus Christ is yours, embrace the restoration right now, and press toward Him.

If worshipping Jesus Christ has become the center of your life and you are experiencing the joy of the journey, no matter the costs, lean fully into Him!