

Message of the Magi

Mt. 2:1-12





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1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw 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 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They said to



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him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: 6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'" 7 Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when



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you have found [Him,] report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over [the place] where the Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped



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Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned [by God] in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Messages from Father

- Love, Joy, Peace Hope
- Gifts are a part of Christmas
 - Focus is on God's great gifts
 - Many need these Gifts!
 - His WORD = *logos* = JESUS





Aries

Triangulum

Jupiter

Mars

Saturn

Pisces

Cetus

Magi on the move

- So much is unknown – some added...
 - Gaspar, Melchior, Balthazar - ?
- How long did they travel? From where?
- But the message...



Where is he...

- They come to Jerusalem, to Herod's court
- Expecting Him to be there!
- It was the capital of Israel...
- Natural thinking.. "star" led them



We have seen - we came!

- Magi had knowledge, power, money, position
- None of this was enough!
- They sought out Jesus – KING of Jews?
- Over miles and months – to a “house” (11)



Born King of the Jews

- They did not worship:
 - Herod
 - Mary or Joseph
- They knew they needed... **THE KING!**



Message in Giving

- Yes, and they knew how!
 - Gold – His Purity/Kingship
 - Frankincense – His Prayers
 - Myrrh – His Passion
- Are we humbled in His presence?



