

The Wise Still Seek Jesus

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Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV) ... ² “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

1. Magi Myth _____

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| a. Nativity Scene – <u>House</u> | d. Wisemen – Royal <u>Scholars</u> (Daniel) |
| b. We Three – <u>Caravan</u> | e. Traveled so Far – <u>Persia</u> (Babylon) |
| c. Kings or Magi – <u>King Makers</u> | f. <u>Gifts</u> – Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh |

2. Gifts: It's the _____ that counts.

- a. Gold – Jesus our King
- b. Frankincense – Jesus Our God
- c. Myrrh – Jesus our Sacrifice

3. _____ of the Magi's

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| a. Get Wisdom. Though it Cost You All You have. (Proverbs 4:7) | |
| b. Seek the <u>King</u> | Seek Week (12/28-1/5/26) |
| c. Bow and Worship | Submit to the <u>Lordship</u> of Jesus |
| d. <u>Live</u> Obediently | Count for Zero (1/11 – 2/15/26) |
| e. <u>Give</u> Generously | Prepare for our 2026 ROC (WORTHY) |

4. Today's Life _____

- a. Bring Jesus Your “Gold” — Surrender Your Plans.
- b. Bring Jesus Your “Frankincense” — Renew Your Worship.
- c. Bring Jesus Your “Myrrh” — Lay Something Down.
- d. Join the online Seek Week Prayer Challenge.

Reflect and Discuss

1. **Fact vs. Tradition**

Which common assumptions about the wise men (number, timing, status, location) surprised you most, and why do you think these traditions have endured so strongly in Christian culture?

2. **Seekers from Afar**

The Magi traveled a great distance from Persia to seek Jesus. What does their journey reveal about the nature of true spiritual hunger—and what might that say about how we approach seeking Christ today?

3. **The Meaning of the Gifts**

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh each point to who Jesus is—King, God, and Sacrifice. Which of these aspects of Jesus do you find easiest to embrace, and which challenges you the most right now?

4. **The Way of the Wise**

Looking at the pattern of the wise men—seeking, worshiping, obeying, and giving—where do you sense God inviting you to grow or realign your life more closely with Christ?

5. **From Wisdom to Action**

What might it look like practically for you to bring Jesus your “gold,” “frankincense,” or “myrrh” in this season? Is there a plan to surrender, worship to renew, or something you need to lay down?

6. **Seeking Together**

How could participating in a focused season of prayer (like Seek Week) help move your faith from knowledge to action? What would you hope God might reveal or reshape in you during that time?

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