

# Christmas At Calvary

## 12.23&24.19

### I. INTRODUCTION: “THE THREE WISE MEN”

**Matthew 2:1-2** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “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. *The Magi were not three kings.*
2. *The Magi were wise men from the east.*
3. *The Magi were searching for a king based on Jewish prophecy.*

**Matthew 2:3-6** When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

**Matthew 2:7-8** Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

**Matthew 2:9-12** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

### II. THREE WAYS TO ADD NEW LIFE TO THE OLD STORY

#### 1. *Faith*

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- A. *Everyone is looking for something.*

- **You will find what you are looking for.**

### *B. How to not ruin Christmas*

**Matthew 2:3** When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

- Do not be full of yourself.
- Do not be full of fear.

**Matthew 2:4** When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

- Do not be full of answers.

**Matthew 2:9** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

- Keep the faith when the journey is long.

## *2. Joy*

**Matthew 2:10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

### *A. Don't let circumstances steal your joy.*

- Make your first choice joy.

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### *B. Don't let people steal your joy.*

- God can use opposition to bring you opportunity.

## *3. Worship*

**Matthew 2:11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

### *A. Worship the King.*

- The baby in the manger is Jesus the King.

*B. Give Him your best.*

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

- Grace is God's gift to you.
- Jesus came to be your Savior and your Lord.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- Your life is your gift to God.

**C. Give Jesus your life this Christmas.**