

# Seeking Jesus

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## **Matthew 2:1-12 NKJV**

**Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup> “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”**

**<sup>3</sup> King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”**

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**5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote:**

**6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah,  
are not least among the ruling cities of Judah,  
for a ruler will come from you  
who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’”**

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**7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”**

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**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.**

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**12 When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.**

# Question

**What kind of effort do we put into seeking or worshiping Jesus?**

# **The gifts of the Magi:**

- 1. Gold (kingship or royalty)**
- 2. Frankincense (worship)**
- 3. Myrrh (death and mourning)**



## **1st Chronicles 21:18-24 NKJV**

**Then the angel of the Lord told Gad to instruct David to go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. <sup>19</sup> So David went up to do what the Lord had commanded him through Gad. <sup>20</sup> Araunah, who was busy threshing wheat at the time, turned and saw the angel there. His four sons, who were with him, ran away and hid. <sup>21</sup> When Araunah saw David approaching, he left his threshing floor and bowed before David with his face to the ground.**

## **1st Chronicles 21:18-24 NKJV**

**22 David said to Araunah, “Let me buy this threshing floor from you at its full price. Then I will build an altar to the Lord there, so that he will stop the plague.”**

**23 “Take it, my lord the king, and use it as you wish,” Araunah said to David. “I will give the oxen for the burnt offerings, and the threshing boards for wood to build a fire on the altar, and the wheat for the grain offering. I will give it all to you.”**

## **1st Chronicles 21:18-24 NKJV**

**24 But King David replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on buying it for the full price. I will not take what is yours and give it to the Lord. I will not present burnt offerings that have cost me nothing!”**

## **Matthew 2:2 NKJV**

**“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”**

**Romans 3:23 NKJV**

**For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.**

Truth:

**Worship is giving!**

Question:

**Are we being ungenerous or stingy  
with the attention we give God?**

Quote:

**We become the person God wants us  
to become when we worship Him in  
spirit and in truth.**

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**Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV**

**If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.**