

MATTHEW 2; July 22; Wise Men (and Women) Worship Jesus

ANALYSIS:

1. What did the wise men say brought them to Jerusalem looking for the new-born King of the Jews? _____
2. Why did the chief priests and scribes pick Bethlehem as the place this King had been born? _____
3. Where did the wise men locate Jesus, and what does this suggest?

4. How was Herod involved with Jesus at his birth? _____

5. By what means did the LORD guide Joseph during Jesus' early years?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The wise men, having traveled considerable distance, upon finding Jesus, fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. What a worship service! Did the baby Jesus know? Was the eternal God glorified that day? Do you wish you could have been there?

Where and when and how do you worship the LORD Jesus Christ? Do you restrict your worship to Sunday assemblies of the saints? Can you worship Him more than just then? Can you worship your holy King even today? Will you?!

HELP:

1. We have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him (v 2).
2. Because the prophet Micah (5:2) had written, "And thou Bethlehem ... out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel" (v 6).
3. They found him in a house (v 11), proving some time had passed since the shepherds found the baby in a manger (Luke 2:12, 16).
4. Herod was troubled at learning the King of the Jews had been born, since he was the appointed king of the Jews by Roman powers (v 3), ordered the wise men to report back to him with the location of Jesus (v 8), became exceeding wroth when the wise men mocked his order (v 16), slew all the children in Bethlehem and area in an attempt to kill Jesus (v 16).
5. An angel told Joseph to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus (v 13), again an angel told him to return to Israel (v 19-20), by a dream God warned him not live in Judea but to live in Galilee (v 22).