

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

December 11

CHRISTMAS IS A GOOD TIME FOR GIVING

Matthew 2:1-12 "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

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

⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "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 be the shepherd of my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 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 and of frankincense and of myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. (NIV)

THREE THINGS THE WISE MEN DID:

1. SEEK _____

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 in the east and have come to worship him."

Genuine seekers _____

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Jeremiah 29:13 "When you search for Me with all your heart, you will find Me." (NIV)

2. FOLLOW _____

Three possible reactions:

Matthew 2:10 *“And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.” (NKJV)*

Philippians 2:15 *“Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like stars lighting up the sky, as you offer them the message of life.” (NIV)*

3. RECOGNIZE _____

Colossians 1:15-16 *“Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all and in fact Christ Himself is the creator who made everything in heaven and earth.” (LB)*

2 Corinthians 9:15 *Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words! (NLT)*

Matthew 2:11 *“When the wise men, went into the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary and they bowed down and they worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (NIV)*

Matthew 2:12 *“But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod, so they went home another way”. (NIV)*