"Seeking The Christ of Christmas" Matthew 2:1-12 Christmas Eve @ 5:00 PM December 24, 2008

- 1. Verses 1-10 Seeking Him
- 2. Verses 11-12 Worshipping Him

1. Verses 1-10 - Seeking Him:

Herod the Great reigned from 37 BC to 4 BC.

Magi - our modern word "magistrate" is derived from the word magi

Matt 2:2

Isa 9:6-7, Daniel 9

Num. 24:17

Have you noticed how many passages in the Bible encourage us to seek God and promise that we will find Him?

Isa. 55:6-7

Jer. 29:13

Zeph. 2:3

Amos 5:6

Matt. 7:7-8

Matt 2:3

He was troubled, Literally "Agitate"

Matt 2:4-5

Bethlehem - "House of bread"

John 6:35

Matt 2:6

Micah 5:2

Matt 2:7

Matthew 2:16

Matt 2:8-10

2. Verses 11-12 - Worshipping Him:

"And they came into the house"

Child - "Little Child" 1 to 2 years of age

Worship – "to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence"

Gold – Speaks of His deity

Frankincense - speaks of His ministry

Myrrh - speaks of His humanity

Matt 2:12

Application:

God tells us to seek Him because He is accessible to us. God is not hard to find and He is not hiding from us

Isa. 55:6