

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"The Wise Seek The King"**  
**Matthew 2:1-12**  
**Part-3**

◦ *Matt 2:11*

**Herod** - was opposing the King!

**The Jewish priests** - were ignoring the King!

**The Magi** - were seeking the King!

◦ *1 Cor. 1:26*

◦ *Matthew 27:22*

**We will look at 3 areas in our study**

1. Verses – 1-2 The Wise Seek Him
2. Verses – 2-8 The Wise Serve Him
3. Verses – 9-12 The Wise Worship Him

**1. Verses – 1-2 The Wise Seek Him**

◦ *Matthew 2:1*

in the days of Herod the king, Herod – He reigned for 33 years and his latter years at the time of Christ were his most vicious years. Herod was a descendent of Esau. This is Herod the great. He reigned from 37 BC to 4 BC.

**His early years he accomplished some great feats:**

1. Had a stable government
2. Increased trade
3. Was a master builder. His building can be seen today. Caesarea on the Mediterranean, Masada. The temple.

**His latter years at the time of Christ were his most vicious years.**

1. He killed two of his own sons Alexander, and Aristobulus.
2. Was married 9 times.
3. He killed one of his favorite wives and her two brothers, because he heard there might be a plot.

4. He killed another son of his Antipater which took 5 days to die.
5. Slaughtered all the male babies 2 years and younger.

**magi** - The word "wise men" magi - Our modern word "magistrate" is a direct descendant of the word magi. These professionals were brilliant and highly educated scholars who were trained in medicine, history, religion, prophecy and astronomy.

- Matthew 2:2
  - *Isa 9:6-7*; ◦ *Daniel 9*
  - *Num. 24:17*
  - *Isa. 55:6-7*
  - *Jer. 29:13*
  - *Zeph. 2:3*
  - *Amos 5:6*

## **2. Verses – 2-8 The Wise Serve Him:**

- *Matt. 2:2*
- *Matt 2:3*

he was troubled, Literally "Agitate" and all Jerusalem with him.

- *Gen. 25:19-34*
- *Matt 2:4*
- *Matt 2:5*

And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea

This was the place that Jacob buried Rachel ◦ *Gen. 48:7*

This is where Ruth married Boaz and lived there ◦ *Ruth 1:22*

This was the house of David ◦ *1 Sam 16:1-13* It was called the city of David.

The word Bethlehem – “House of bread”

◦ *John 6:35*

◦ *Matt 2:6*

◦ *Gen. 49:8-12*

◦ *Matt 2:7*

◦ *Matthew 2:16*

◦ *Matt 2:8*

### **3. Verses – 9-12 The Wise Worship Him:**

◦ *Matt 2:9*

◦ *Matt 2:10*

◦ *Matt 2:11*

and they fell down and worshiped Him; Worship – “to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence”

**Gold** – The most precious of metals a gift fit for a King (Matthew Gospel Jesus the King). Jesus is the king of kings. The king would rule with a cross not a crown. Speaks of His Deity.

**Frankincense** - Used by the priest in sacrifice. Jesus is our high priest. (Prayer compared to incense that would ascend to God) Jesus life was a sweet fragrance to God. He lived a perfect life. Speaks of His Ministry.

**Myrrh** - Used to embalming the dead. Jesus is the lamb scarified before the foundation of the world. Jesus would be the ultimate sacrifice. Speaks of His Humanity.

◦ *Matt 2:12*

### **Application:**

1. These men met God in the midst of their work. He will meet you right where you are.

2. They found their way by consulting Scripture. Are you just going in circles?

3. They gave themselves in worship first. Before they gave what they had in their hands, they first gave their hearts to Jesus. God wants your life before He wants your gifts.

4. They gave the gifts they had. These seekers of God gave to Jesus what they had.

5. If the Wise Men can find Jesus, then so can we. It wasn't easy for them to find Jesus, but they did. If they found Him, then so can you.

6. If God can use a star to reach these astrologers, then he can use anything to reach us. Don't be surprised at what God will use to get your attention.

7. They were willing to take action. These guys made a long journey that forever changed their lives. They put commitment to their conviction.