

“Wise Men Seek Him!”

Matthew 2:1-14

“*We Three Kings*” is a popular song sung at Christmas time based upon Matthew’s account recorded in chapter 2:1-14. Even though the coming of the Magi were NOT directly related to the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem’s manger, the creators of the Advent Wreath included it so we will include it in our Christmas series, too.

I. Asking Key Questions About the Magi’s Coming

1. Who were these I _____? (Matthew 2:1)

Magi = (Greek Magoi) = Originally referred to a priestly caste of Medes & Persians who had skills in interpreting dreams, but came to be used of a highly educated men of power and prominence who served as advisors in science, agriculture, mathematics, history, astronomy and religions who lived in the area of Persian (now Iraq and Iran) during the Medo-Persia & Babylonian empires. It is very possible that these are the men referred to in the book of Daniel who were called upon to interpret dreams and give advice (see Daniel 4, 5, & 6).

2. W _____ did they c _____? (Matthew 2:1, 3)

A. “a _____” Jesus was born —

B. “in the days of H _____” — This was Herod the great (died 4 BC) They came probably around _____ BC.

What do we know about Herod the Great?

- He was a very c _____ and g _____ man.
BUT,
- He was also c _____, m _____ and incredibly
J _____, s _____, and afraid
of his position and power.

C. When Jesus was a “c_____” — PAIDIA - a young child around 2-5 years of age. (Luke 2:12,16 = Baby = BREPHOS = An infant).

D. When Jesus was in a “h_____”, not a manger — (Matt. 2:11)

3. **W_____ did they c_____?** (Matthew 2:2, 11)

A. They came to “W_____ Him”!

B. They came to offer _____ precious gifts!

I do not think there is any symbolism in the gifts, but I do believe it expresses what David said, “I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing!”

II. Learning KEY Lessons from the Magi

1. The coming of Christ into the world had significance for

a_____ of m_____!

Revelation 7:9 —

2. The Word of God is absolutely t_____ and a_____!

3. People can k_____ a lot about G_____ W_____,
yet r_____ the S_____ of the Word!

4. God is faithful to p_____ for His people even when
we don’t know there is a n_____! (12-14)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCUSSION NOTES.

Next Sunday is Christmas day so there is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, but plan to join us at **10:30 am for our regular Worship Service.**

Therefore, there are no discussion notes for this week’s message.

Have a wonderful, ***Christ-filled*** Christmas. Enjoy it with family and friends. If you know of someone who is going to be alone for Christmas, ask them to join you for dinner and fellowship.

SPEND TIME AT HOME AROUND THE ADVENT WREATH, LIGHTING THE CANDLES, READING AND DISCUSSING THE SCRIPTURES.