



## The Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, **wise men from the east** arrived in Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw **his star** at its rising and have come to **worship him.**" <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born. <sup>5</sup>"In Bethlehem of Judea," they told him, "because this is what was written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>**And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah: Because out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.**" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and asked them the exact time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report back to me so that I too can go and worship him."

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<sup>9</sup>After hearing the king, they went on their way. And there it was—the star they had seen at its rising. It led them until it came and stopped above the place where **the child** was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>Entering **the house**, they saw **the child**, with Mary his mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts: **gold, frankincense, and myrrh.** <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route.

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### Who Were the Magi?

Educated, Respected, Religious Scholars

"The Magi were ancient Persians who had discovered the secrets of nature and medicine. They were scientists."

Herodotus

Because of their combined knowledge of science, agriculture, mathematics, history, and astrology, they became the most prominent and powerful group of advisors in the Medo-Persian and subsequently the Babylonian Empire."

John McArthur

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### How Did the Magi Know About Jesus?

The Magi Knew When the King Would Be Born  
*Daniel 9:25-26*

From the time the edict was given to rebuild Jerusalem, until the Messiah would be "cut off" there would be exactly 483 years.

In 444 B.C. the Persian Emperor, Cyrus, issued an edict allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem. From that date until 33 A.D. was exactly 483 years.  
(Using the Jewish Calendar)

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### How Did the Magi Know About Jesus?

The Jewish Priests Knew Where the King Would Be Born.  
*Micah 5:2*

**Matthew 2:6**  
*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah: Because out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."*

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### How Did the Magi Find Jesus?

His Star



Alignment of Jupiter and Saturn



A Comet



Supernova



A Supernatural Light

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Wise People Seek Jesus

*Jeremiah 29:13*  
*You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.*

I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England."

"Christianity, if false, is of no importance; and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

C.S. Lewis *All about Jesus*

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### What Does This Mean to You?

God Reveals His Plans for You to Discover

*Revelation 1:3*  
*Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it, because the time is near.*

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What Does This Mean to You?

**If You Follow God's Light, You Will Always Find Jesus**

John 1:4-5

<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:9

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

**They Bowd Before Jesus**

**They Worshiped Jesus by Giving Him Gifts**

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What Does This Mean to You?

**God Can Use You as His Light to Direct People to Jesus**

Daniel 12:3

Those who have insight **will shine like the bright expanse of the heavens**, and those who lead many to righteousness, like **the stars** forever and ever.

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