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Living the Nativity

Having the Wisdom of the Wise Men

Matthew 2:1–12 (HCSB)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived unexpectedly in Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem of Judea,” they told him, “because this is what was written by the prophet: ⁶ **And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah: because out of you will come a leader who will shepherd My people Israel.**” ⁷ Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and asked them the exact time the star appeared. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ After hearing the king, they went on their way. And there it was—the star they had seen in the east! It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed beyond measure. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route.

1. THERE IS ALWAYS WISDOM IN _____ FOR THE SAVIOR vv 1-3

Matthew 2:2–3 (ESV)

“...saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.”

- They were _____ in their search.
- They were determined in their search.
- They were _____ in their search.

2. THERE IS NO WISDOM IN _____ CHURCH vv 4-8

- He was _____ in his search.
- He was devious in his search.
- He was _____ in his search.

3. THE TRULY WISE KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF _____ GIFTS vv 9-12

- The _____ nature of the gifts.
- The motive to give.
- Our _____ toward giving.

Learn to Be Wise by Receiving the Gifts the Savior Has for You:

- _____

Isaiah 9:6 (HCSB)

For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

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Titus 2:13 (HCSB)

...while we wait for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Luke 2:10–11 (HCSB)

But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: ¹¹ Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.”

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Matthew 1:21 (HCSB)

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

The Next Step:

Be wise and seek the Savior of the World and bring Him the gift of your total surrender so that you may receive the gifts He has for you.

