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## The Arrival

### The Arrival 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, <sup>2</sup> 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.” <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 leaders of Judah: because out of you will come a leader 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.” <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed beyond measure. <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.

#### 1. THE ARRIVAL OF THE WISE MEN \_\_\_\_\_ THE KING vv 1-3

- The wise men arrived after \_\_\_\_\_ travel.
- The very presence of the wise men troubled the king along with everyone else.

#### 2. THE KING WAS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT A \_\_\_\_\_ THAN WORSHIP vv 4-8

- The king wanted to know who this “King of the Jews” might be.
- The king had no \_\_\_\_\_ to worship Jesus.

#### 3. THE WISE MEN WERE WISE ENOUGH TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE MESSIAH vv 9-10

- The wise men \_\_\_\_\_ to follow the star to find Jesus.
- Arriving to see Jesus led to great joy.

#### 4. THE WISE MEN ARRIVED WITH \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE KING OF KINGS vv 11-12

- The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the gifts.
- Jesus is God’s greatest gift to us.
- Our r \_\_\_\_\_ toward giving.

#### The Next Step:

Discover the significance of the wise men’s quest by seeking the Savior at all costs.