

## Wise Men Still Seek Him

Matthew 2:1-12

### Introduction:

1. Isaiah 55:6-7 – ***Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God; for He will abundantly pardon.***
2. One may be wise in the things of the world but be ignorant in spiritual matters.
3. I Cor. 3:19 – ***“Wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.”***
4. The wise men were astrologers (studied the stars) but they were most interested in the “Bright and Morning Star,” the Lord Jesus.
5. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem to ask Herod and were ready to travel another six miles south west to Bethlehem in search of Jesus. The star led them to where Jesus lay.
  - A. The travelers in caravan and oriental dress alarmed Herod.
  - B. Herod arose to ask questions & jealously to kill multitudes of innocent babies.
  - C. Wise men were warned of God in a dream so they departed another way to their home country.

### **WISE MEN ARE WISE WHEN:**

- I. (v. 2) **THEY POSSESS KNOWLEDGE OF GOD’S WORD.**
  1. Herod inquired of Jesus, because they asked, “Where is He that is born King of the Jews?”
  2. They didn’t trust completely in scientific knowledge.
- II. (v. 2) **THEY DISCERNED GOD’S SIGN.**
  1. They saw His star.
  2. Num. 24:17 – They had prophetic insight. A star shall arise out of Jacob.
  3. Realized the work of God and didn’t come out with all the theories and hypotheses (as scientists would today).
  4. We are wise when we listen to God’s object lessons.

### III. (v. 2-3, 11) **THEY SOUGHT THE LORD OF THE SIGN & WORSHIPPED.**

1. They could have sought the sign and mystical but out the One to whom it pointed. (They could have made a doctrine or test of faith out of the sign.)
2. They sought the One behind the sign.
3. (v. 2) They recognized Him as the King.
4. (v. 11) They recognized Him as the Savior of the World.

### IV. **THEY WERE TEACHABLE.**

1. They didn’t let education/knowledge of that day ruin their faith.
2. They inquired of others whom they thought would be of help.

### V. (v. 7-8, 12) **THEY OBEYED GOD RATHER THAN MAN.**

1. (v. 7-8) Herod had commanded them to let him know where he was born so he could worship too.
2. (v. 12) They obeyed God rather than an earthly king with power to destroy them.
3. Matthew 10:28 – Jesus said, ***Do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

### Conclusion:

When men seek the Christ of Christmas, they become wise men.

Will you follow Jesus or men’s desires this Christmas?