

The Visit of the Magi - Matthew 2:1-12

Topics: Deceit, Ego, Gifts, Guidance, Motives, Prophecy, Sacrifice, Worship

Open It

1. Why do we give gifts at Christmas?
- * 2. If you could give any gift to anyone, what would you give, to whom, and why?
3. What prompts people to make great sacrifices for others?

Explore It

4. Where was Jesus born? (2:1)
5. During whose reign was Jesus born? (2:1)
- * 6. Who came to visit the young Jesus? (2:1)
7. What external and internal factors prompted the Magi to search for Jesus? (2:2)
8. What title did the Magi give to Jesus? (2:2)
9. How did King Herod react to the visit of the Magi? (2:3-4)
- * 10. Why was a powerful king disturbed by the presence of a helpless baby? (2:3-6)
11. Why is it significant that Christ was born in Bethlehem? (2:5-6)
12. What were King Herod's instructions to the Magi? (2:8)
13. How were the Magi led to Christ? (2:9-10)
- * 14. What was the Magi's reaction when they realized they had found the Christ? (2:10)
15. Where was Jesus when the Magi found Him? (2:11)
16. How did the Magi react upon seeing Jesus? (2:11)
17. What gifts did the Magi bring to Jesus? (2:11)
18. Why didn't the Magi report back to Herod as he had requested? (2:12)

Get It

19. How would you define worship?
- * 20. What sort of activities does worship involve?
- * 21. What are some various "presents" we might give to Christ?
22. How does it feel to have a rival—to feel as though you are being overlooked or replaced?
23. How can a competitive, prideful, or insecure spirit alter a person's behavior?
24. Why are many people reluctant to donate money to religious causes?
25. What are some specific ways Christians can serve as "stars" and lead others to Christ?

Apply It

26. What starlike, shining deed can you do today to point a non-Christian friend to Christ?
27. What sacrifice do you need to make for Christ this week?
- * 28. What gift of time, effort, or money would demonstrate your love for Jesus this week?