

Key Scripture

Matthew 2:2 Douay-Rheims

Where is He that is born king of the Jews?

For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to *adore Him*.

Worshippers from the East

Matthew 2:1-12 NLT

1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 2 "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him." 3 King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. 4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 6 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a Ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for My people Israel." 7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the Child. And when you find Him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship Him, too!" 9 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the Child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Three Personalities of Worship

✓ Herod – Fake Worship

Matthew 2:8 NKJV

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

✓ Religious People – Lazy Worship

Mathew 2:4-5 NLT

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✓ Wise Men – True Worship

Matthew 2:11 NLT

...they bowed down and worshiped Him.

Let Us Adore Him

King Jesus

Worship Jesus the King

1. Seek out the King.

Matthew 2:2 NLT

"Where is the newborn King of the Jews?

We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him."

Hebrews 11:6 NLT

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists and that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

2. <u>Listen</u> & be led by the Words of the Eternal King.

Matthew 2:4-5 NLT

4..."Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"
5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote:

Micah 5:2 TLB

"O Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are but a small Judean village, yet you will be the birthplace of <u>my King who is alive from everlasting ages past</u>!"

3. **Bow** in worship before Jesus the Exalted King.

Matthew 2:11 NLT

they bowed down and worshiped Him

Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

9 Therefore <u>God also has highly exalted Him</u> and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that <u>at the name of Jesus every knee should bow</u>, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that <u>Jesus Christ is Lord</u>, to the glory of God the Father.

4. Don't return to the old king.

Matthew 2:12 NLT

...God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Colossians 1:13-14 NLT

13 For <u>He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son</u>, 14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

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