



Really...Wise...Men

Matthew 2:1-11 (NLT) (read with awe) ¹Jesus 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." ³King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴He 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.'" ⁷Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸Then 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!" ⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹They 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.

Everything I need to know I learned from the Wise Men...

- Wise men follow the STAR.

Psalm 19:1-3 (NLT) ¹The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. ²Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. ³They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard.

- Wise men are filled with JOY.

"The end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."
— Westminster Catechism

- Wise men come bearing GIFTS.

- Wise men fall on their KNEES and WORSHIP Him.

Reasons we might want to bow before Him...

- Kneel in PURSUIT (Mark 10:17)
- Kneel in REPENTANCE (Luke 5:8)
- Kneel in SURRENDER (Luke 22:41-42)

Additional Notes...

scriptures that relate

Monday: Matthew 2	Wednesday: John 3	Friday: Luke 5
Tuesday: Psalm 19	Thursday: Mark 10	Saturday: Luke 22

small groups—talk it over

1. Would you have seen or even noticed His star?
2. What is your joy factor these days? What makes it go up or down?
3. Share a story of when someone gave you a gift that was perfectly timed.
4. What is the significance of bowing down?
5. When is the last time you were in awe of God?

pastor david's prayer requests

Monday: Thank you, Lord for the gift of today. Each day we have a gift only You can give. Amen.

Tuesday: Pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one to be comforted. Amen.

Wednesday: Pray for the leaders of this country to seek Your face on bent knees. Amen.

Thursday: Pray for the church universal. Let us put on the Armor of God daily. Amen.

Friday: Let's give God praise today. Thank you, Lord, for Your grace, mercy and forgiveness. Amen.

Saturday: Pray for our unbelieving friends and family who do not yet know the Lord. Amen.