

HOW TO WORSHIP THE SAVIOR

A Savior Is Born – Part 3: Matthew 2:1-12

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“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’ When King Herod heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

MEMORY VERSE:

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

6 PHRASES THAT SHOW US HOW TO WORSHIP

1. from the east
2. where is the one
3. overjoyed/ rejoiced exceedingly
4. bowed down
5. present to him gifts
6. returned by another route

1. START WITH A SINCERE DESIRE

“Magi from the east came to Jerusalem...” Matthew 2:1

Application: God I have this desire. I need your _____ to fulfill my need for _____.

2. DEVELOP AN EXPECTANT SPIRIT

*“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”
Matthew 2:2*

Application: God why? God how? God when?

3. CHOOSE TO EXPRESS JOY

“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” Matthew 2:10

Application: We are all made differently. Worship God in a way that fits you and your personality.

4. DECIDE TO HUMBLE YOURSELF

*“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.”
Matthew 2:11a*

“‘I am the Lord’s servant,’ Mary answered. ‘May it be to me as you have said.’” Luke 1:38 (NIV)

Application: God, I humble myself before you and I say ‘yes’ to you.

5. PLAN TO GIVE GIFTS

“Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of frankincense and of myrrh.” Matthew 2:11b

THEY GAVE HIM GOLD
THEY RECOGNIZED HIM AS A KING
GIVE HIM YOUR **BEST**
THEY GAVE HIM FRANKINCENSE
THEY RECOGNIZED HIM AS A PRIEST
GIVE HIM YOUR **WORST**
THEY GAVE HIM MYRRH
THEY RECOGNIZED HIM AS SAVIOR
GIVE HIM YOUR **ALL**

Application: What gift would I like to give Jesus this Christmas?

6. END WITH AN OBEDIENT RESPONSE

“And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” Matthew 2:12

Application: What am I going to do based upon what I've heard. God, what route do you want me to take? This is what I'm going to do: _____.

We all can bring tell others the story and bring others people in to worship Jesus.

“But you are the ones chosen by God...to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you.” 1 Peter 2:9 (MSG)

Application: I would like to be a better worshipper. I want it to be a more consistent part of my life.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT:

Lord, I want to move from where I am to where I truly worship you, so I ask you that you would develop in me these things we just talked about. Develop in me a sincere desire. Help me to want what you can give in worship, what I can only find in worship and to recognize that that's a want in my life. Help me to see and recognize my spiritual needs.

God, I also pray that you give me an expectant spirit. Build my faith. Help me to expect you to show up. Give me a heart I pray that chooses to rejoice. Help me to bow down and humble myself before you.

And Lord, I want to be the kind of person who gives gifts back to you because you've given so much to me. I pray that you help me to act, not just to think about or see or understand but to act on what you say when I connect with you in worship.

Jesus, I worship you. In your name I pray. Amen.