

Greenforest Community Baptist Church

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Teaching on Tuesdays (12/8/2020)

“The Gift that Keeps on Giving”

Matthew 2:1-12

I. **Who is the writer Matthew?**

1. Tax-Collector by training
2. Traces Jesus' genealogy
3. Transcribes Jesus as Messiah

II. **Who is baby Jesus?**

1. Born miraculously by the Holy Spirit
2. Bridge between our Holy God and sinful man
3. Bread of life & Bright and Morning Star

III. **Main Points – THE WISE MEN were...**

1. **GROUPED and gathered with other true worshippers (v.1-2)**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, [a]wise men from the East came Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

2. **GRACIOUS enough to know everyone isn't excited about Jesus (v.3-4)**

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

3. **GUIDED by scripture (v.5-6)**

So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”

4. **GENUINE in their desire to worship Jesus (v.7-8)**

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the [b]wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 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.”

5. **GLAD to see a sign/star (v.9-10)**

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

6. **GRATEFUL to be in Jesus' presence (v.11)**

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him.

7. **GENEROUS givers who gave sacrificially (v.11)**

And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

8. **GODFEARING & obedient to God's direction (v.12)**

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.