

# Let Us Adore Him

Matthew 2:1-12

## Some important details in the account:

"... born in Bethlehem"

"... in the days of Herod the king ..."

"... wise men\* from the east ..."

"... we saw his star\*\* ..."

## What we *all* should see ...

### God the Father: The Seeker of the Lost

The Magi\* sought after the One who \_\_\_\_\_ them!

God \_\_\_\_\_ himself in a way that captured their \_\_\_\_\_ and demanded their \_\_\_\_\_.

The star\*\* – whatever it was – was a \_\_\_\_\_ in God's hands for God's purposes. And while the Bible forbids \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 10:2; Isa. 47:13-15), God used their fascination to reveal the Savior.

And when the *clarity* of the \_\_\_\_\_ was added to the *attraction* of the star, they were \_\_\_\_\_ and sought to worship the child born as king!

*The Magi worshipped better than they \_\_\_\_\_. Their \_\_\_\_\_ exceeded their \_\_\_\_\_. The Sadducees ("chief priests") and Pharisees ("scribes") were the \_\_\_\_\_.*

*One group traveled hundreds of miles to discover Jesus. The other wasn't interested in traveling 5.*

*God was drawing \_\_\_\_\_ to Himself even as 'religious' people disregarded Him.*

*"Christianity is not a religion for "good people," it is for sinners who listen when God calls."*  
(Daniel Doriani)

*And the good news is this: \_\_\_\_\_ still seeks \_\_\_\_\_!*

### God the Father: The True and Only Sovereign

In this amazing account, there are many human actors, but \_\_\_\_\_.

Caesar Augustus called for a census, drawing Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, but it was God who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' birth there. (Micah 5:2)

Herod, aging, ill, and paranoid sought to eliminate any perceived rival to his insignificant throne, but God was carrying the plan of \_\_\_\_\_ forward – just as He promised.

And soon – the ominous threat of Herod will cause Joseph to take his family to Egypt for safety. But even this was God's plan. (Hosea 11:1)

*To intentionally \_\_\_\_\_ God (as Herod did) is \_\_\_\_\_.*

*To carelessly \_\_\_\_\_ God (as the religious leaders did) is \_\_\_\_\_.*

*To joyfully \_\_\_\_\_ God (as the magi did) is \_\_\_\_\_!*

### God the Son: The New and Better Moses

Just as Pharaoh slaughtered male Hebrew infants at the time of Moses' birth, so Herod slaughtered male Hebrew infants at the time of Jesus' birth.

And just as Moses delivered God's people from captivity and death and saved them for God's own purposes in the exodus, so will Jesus deliver us from our slavery and debt to \_\_\_\_\_ and our penalty of judgment (\_\_\_\_\_) and \_\_\_\_\_ for Himself (Deut. 7:6; 1 Pet. 2:9)

*But our deliverance is \_\_\_\_\_!*

*And Jesus is a far better \_\_\_\_\_! (Heb. 8)*

### God the Son: Worthy of Our Worship

They brought gifts worthy of a \_\_\_\_\_ ... gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Some commentators have speculated on the symbolic value of the gifts, but that may be a stretch. One good possibility – at the least – is that through them God provided the \_\_\_\_\_ needed for what was about to come.)

And they worshipped in \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ God gave them.

True worship should \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus!

True worship should \_\_\_\_\_ from us.

True worship should bring us \_\_\_\_\_!

## My Worshipful Response ...