

Title: Blessed Celebration

Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Target: Wisdom is found when you are willing to seek Jesus at all cost!

1. **The Grasp on the Magi:** *“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem”* (Vs. 1)
 - a. **Their Culture:** Babylon & Persia
 - b. **Their Calling:** Priests who were astrologers.
 - c. **Their Courage:** *“saying, Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?”* (Vs. 2a)

2. **The Guide over the Magi:** *“For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”* (Vs.2b)
 - a. **They Studied the Scrolls:** History of Daniel
 - b. **They Studied the Scripture:** Prophecy (Micah 5:2)
 - c. **They Studied the Stars:** Numbers 24:17

3. **The Gift of the Magi:**
 - a. **Displayed Happiness:** *“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”* (Vs. 10)
 - b. **Demonstrated Humility:** *“they fell down”* (Vs. 11)
 - c. **Delivered Honor:** *“worshipped him”* (Vs. 11)

4. **The Generosity from the Magi:** *“Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”* (Vs. 11)
 - a. **The Gold regards Jesus as a Powerful King**
 - b. **The Frankincense renders Jesus as Priest**
 - c. **The Myrrh receives Jesus as our Propitiation**

5. **The Guidance towards the Magi:**
 - a. **Divine Dream:** *“And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod”* (Vs. 12a)
 - b. **Different Direction:** *“they departed to their own country by another way.”* (Vs. 12b)

Take Away: What makes a gift is the sacrifice made in giving the gift. It is not the financial cost of the gift that is most important, but the faith being demonstrated in giving the gift that is of the highest value.