

THE VISIT OF THE MAGI  
(Matthew 2:4-12)

- I. The Actions of HEROD (Matt. 2:4-8)
  - A. He wanted to know WHERE the Messiah would be BORN (2:4-6)
    - 1. He asked help from the CHIEF PRIESTS, who were Sadducees
    - 2. He asked help from the SCRIBES, who were Pharisees
    - 3. They said He would be born in BETHLEHEM (cf. Mic. 5:2)
    - 4. They said He would be a RULER who would SHEPHERD Israel (cf. 2 Sam. 5:2)
  - B. He wanted to know WHEN the “STAR” had appeared (2:7)
  - C. He told the MAGI what he expected them TO DO (2:8)
    - 1. They were to go to BETHLEHEM
    - 2. They were to IDENTIFY the CHILD
    - 3. They must REPORT to Herod
- II. The Actions of the MAGI (Matt. 2:9-12)
  - A. They LEFT for Bethlehem (2:9a)
  - B. The “star” re-appeared and “WAS GOING” ahead of them (2:9b)

- C. They were OVERWHELMED with JOY (2:10)
- D. They FOUND the CHILD (2:11a)
  - 1. They were living in a HOUSE
  - 2. JOSEPH is not MENTIONED
- E. They WORSHIPED Him (2:11b)
- F. They presented GIFTS to Him (2:12c; cf. Ps. 72:10-11?)
  - 1. *Gold* would emphasize Jesus' ROYALTY
  - 2. *Frankincense* would emphasize Jesus' DEITY
  - 3. *Myrrh* would emphasize Jesus' HUMANITY
- G. They took ANOTHER WAY back to their country (2:12)
  - 1. God had warned them in a DREAM to avoid HEROD
  - 2. They BELIEVED God