

THE GIFT  
OF GOLD



# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE WISE MEN

Of all the people in the Christmas story, the group that has the most confusion surrounding it is the

wise men

# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE WISE MEN

The text says nothing about their  
number

However many there were, it was  
enough to make Herod troubled—  
an army or entourage

# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE WISE MEN

The text does not say they were  
kings from the Orient

They were spiritual advisors,  
kingmakers, probably from ancient  
Persia

# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE WISE MEN

They did not come on Christmas  
night;

Jesus was a child when they came

# The Wise Men Gave Gifts of Gold

We begin with their gift of gold, the  
metal of kings

*Wise men* is the Greek word *magoi*,  
where we get *magi*

Wise men appear in the Old  
Testament in the book of Daniel

# The Wise Men Gave Gifts of Gold

Daniel had primed the pump of  
their ancestors

Daniel 2; 9; 12

Many Jews stayed in Babylon and  
had the Scriptures

## The Wise Men Gave Gifts of Gold

The magi had access to all the  
prophetic Scriptures

Numbers 24:17; Isaiah 9:2



# Reaction of the Current King (vv. 3-8)

Herod was troubled—Greek  
*tarassó*, greatly perturbed, highly  
agitated

Herod was troubled by the word  
*king*, a word of competition;

# Reaction of the Current King (vv. 3-8)

Herod was called the king of the  
Jews

Herod was not Jewish; he was an  
Idumean

# Reaction of the Current King (vv. 3-8)

He took over Judea after his father,  
Antipater, died

Herod killed any possible rivals

He later attempted to kill Jesus  
Himself

Adoration for the Competent  
King (vv. 9-11)

The wise men went into a house  
and saw Jesus as a child  
Before they gave their gifts, they  
gave their hearts

Adoration for the Competent  
King (vv. 9-11)

They worshipped Him, then they  
gave their presents to Him

# Adoration for the Competent King (vv. 9-11)

Before we give any of our time,  
our talents, and our treasure, we  
have to give ourselves, our heart

## Adoration for the Competent King (vv. 9-11)

Gold is mentioned 385 times in  
Scripture, more  
than any other metal

# Adoration for the Competent King (vv. 9-11)

Was considered the most precious  
of all metals, the emblem of wealth  
and royalty

More than any other metal, it was  
associated with kings



# Adoration for the Competent King (vv. 9-11)

The theme of the gospel of Matthew  
is that Jesus Christ is the King

Church historian Tertullian believed  
that the gifts of the wise men  
fulfilled Isaiah 60:5

Adoration for the Competent  
King (vv. 9-11)

We worship the Lord  
because He is King

# In the New Testament

The kingdom of heaven is mentioned seventy times and the kingdom of God thirty-two times 100 times the idea of a kingdom and a King associated with Jesus is mentioned

# In the New Testament

We should be worshiping Him not  
just as our Savior,  
but our King, our Sovereign

# Final Thoughts

## Points to Ponder

Do you worship Him as your King?  
Are you His subject, His servant? Is  
He on the throne, or are you on the  
throne?

Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2

# Final Thoughts

## Points to Ponder

Jesus paid for you; He bought you;  
He owns you

Are you like Herod, the religious  
leaders, or the **magi**?

# Final Thoughts

## Points to Ponder

Herod followed the star of self,  
though he claimed to be a worshiper

# Final Thoughts

## Points to Ponder

The religious leaders followed the star of religion; they knew all the right answers but had all the wrong actions



# Final Thoughts

## Points to Ponder

The magi were looking for a King,  
and when they found that King,  
they worshiped Him

Verse 12

# Final Thoughts

## Points to Ponder

Whenever Jesus becomes your  
King, you will go out differently  
than how you came in

2 Corinthians 5:17

# Final Thoughts

## Points to Ponder

Is He really King? Does He have the authority in your marriage, work life, thought life?

Revelation 4:10

# Final Thoughts

## Points to Ponder

Why wait?

Let's cast any kind of rulership or  
ownership we're holding onto down  
before His throne