A One Star Hotel Part 2 Matthew 2

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Summary of Today's Message Today in this second part of the message, A One Star Hotel, we will examine the foolish men's reaction to the birth of Jesus. In an earlier message given on December 29th, we look at the Wise Men who journeyed a great distance to Bethlehem following the star. When they arrived in the city, they asked the question

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"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

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The Foolish Men's Reaction King Herod's Reaction He was troubled Herod was so insecure that he killed anyone who threatened his position A famous saying was, "it was safer to be Herod's pig than it was to be Herod's son Obviously, he was very foolish

The Foolish Men's Reaction

The <u>Religious</u> People, the <u>Pharisees</u> and <u>Scribes</u> were foolish (vs.4)

They knew <u>prophecy</u>, but they didn't go and <u>check</u> out the birth of Jesus

Bethlehem was only four and a half miles away from Jerusalem

#### The Foolish Men's Reaction

"There are people who have a head knowledge of the scriptures, but their hearts are empty" British scholar in England

# The Wise Men Offered The Christ Child Gifts

They offered Him gold, that was the metal of the kings. No doubt that gold funded their trip to Egypt.
They offered Him frankincense which was used in the meal offering by the priesthood of Israel,
Frankincense speaks of the great high priesthood of Jesus.

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Job wanted a Meditator (Job 9) They gave Him myrrh which when mixed with aloes it became embalming fluid

Points to Ponder Am I like the foolish or the wise Am I like Herod who worshipped the star of himself. Am I like the <u>religious</u> leaders Am I like the Magi

#### Points to Ponder

The wise men being warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their country another way. If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away and all things become new."

## Things Are Different Now

Things are different now, something happened to me when I gave my heart to JesusThings are different now, I was changed it must be when I gave my heart to Him

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Things I loved before have passed away Things I love far more have come to stay Things are different now Something happened to me When I gave my heart to Him