

The Mysterious Star (Matthew 2:1-23)

I. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the east, looking for Jesus.

A. They knew Jesus was King of the Jews.

B. They saw the Star and came to worship him.

II. Herod, the King, was worried when he heard what the Wise Men were doing.

A. He had a meeting with the chief priests and scribes and asked where Jesus was born.

B. They told him that the prophets said Bethlehem. (and quoted Micah 5:2)

III. Herod called the Wise men
to meet with him.

- A. He asked them when the star first appeared.
- B. He sent them on to Bethlehem to find Jesus.
- C. He told them to come back and tell him where to find Jesus so he could worship him, too.

IV. The wise men left the meeting with the King and followed the Star till it stopped over the place where Jesus was.

- A. They rejoiced with great joy about the Star.
- B. They went in the house and worshipped Jesus.

- C. They gave gifts to Jesus - gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
 - D. God warned them to go back home another way and to stay away from Herod.
 - E. They obeyed God and went home another way.
- II. The angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream and told Joseph to take Mary & Jesus into Egypt right away.
- A. The angel told Joseph to stay in Egypt till God sent another message.
 - B. The angel told Joseph they had to stay in Egypt because Herod was looking for Jesus to kill him.

C. Joseph took Mary & Jesus
in the night and began
his trip to Egypt.

D. They stayed there till
Herod died.

VI. When Herod found out the
wise men were not coming
back to tell him how to
find Jesus, he got very
angry.

A. He made a law to kill
all the boy babies 2 years
old and younger in
Bethlehem.

B. He wanted to make sure
Jesus got killed.

VII. When Herod died, the angel of God sent a message to Joseph that it was safe to go back home to Israel, because Herod was dead.

A. Joseph obeyed God's message and returned to Israel, to the city called Nazareth.

B. They thought Jesus was 12)
in the crowd with their
family and friends; but
Jesus had stayed in
Jerusalem.

C. Mary and Joseph had
traveled for a whole day
before they realized Jesus
was not in the crowd.

D. Mary and Joseph went
back to Jerusalem to look
for Jesus

III. Mary and Joseph found him
3 days later in the temple
talking about the Scriptures
with the teachers.

A. He understood so much
that the teachers were
amazed.

- B. Mary asked Jesus why he had stayed behind.
- C. Jesus said "Don't you know I must be about my Father's business?"
- D. Mary and Joseph did not understand that He was talking about God's work.

IV. Jesus went back home with Mary and Joseph.

- A. Jesus obeyed them
- B. Jesus increased in wisdom
- C. Jesus increased in stature
- D. Jesus increased in favor with God & man
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- E. Can those things be said about you and about me?