

Fools and Wise Men, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 2:1-3.
- B. Jesus gets royal honor through the wise men. He did not receive it from where he was from.
- C. There were people who were indifferent, those who were antagonist and those who were worshipful.
- D. There were five major acts in the scene of the magi.

II. Arrival.

- A. The magi arrived in Bethlehem.
- B. There were many unique things that happened here. (2 Samuel 23)
- C. The people waited for the Messiah to be born there.

III. Agitation.

- A. Rome made Herod the king of the Jews in 37 BC.
- B. The magi's search for the king of the Jews agitated Herod since he considered himself the king of the Jews.

IV. Acting.

- A. The glory of God manifest as light appeared to the magi causing fear. (Luke 2:9)
- B. The glory of God was a sign of his incarnation. The Messiah was coming. (Numbers 24:17, Matthew 24:30)
- C. God reveals himself to those whom he wants to reveal himself.

V. Adoration. The magi knew that Jesus alone was to be worshipped.

VI. Avoidance.

- A. Herod was stirred up. He was a diabolical and maniacal murderer.
- B. The magi had to avoid Herod.
- C. Herod sought to slaughter all the male children in Bethlehem to thwart the coming of the Messiah.

Application Questions:

1. How do the magi model what faith in Christ should look like?

2. What is the glory of God?

3. How was God's sovereignty on display through the protection of Jesus during his birth?
