

What Child Is This? - The Wise Men

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I. Gift Giving

II. The Visit Of The Wise Men

Matthew 2: 1-12

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Sojourners From Afar

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Local Threat

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Exercising Wisdom

III. The Greatest Gift

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

The Wise Men travelled far & took considerable risk in their sojourn to encounter the Messiah. Along the way they must have wondered what the journeys end would bring? Did they expect to behold a child born into luxury & privilege, destined for great accolade & success? Their gifts were surely fit for a king.

Jesus was almost certainly not what the Wise Men anticipated. The King of Kings entered this world in the most humble of circumstances. He came however, to bear a gift more precious than gold, frankincense & myrrh. His gift is the greatest ever given—eternal salvation.

The gift is given freely & is made possible by God's grace. It is received through sincere faith placed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Accepting it opens the door to an everlasting relationship with God & secures a place in His eternal Kingdom.

How far have you travelled to encounter the King of Kings? Have you received His gift & responded in thanksgiving & praise? How have you invested what God has so graciously given? Are you living to honor Him or to serve your own ambition?

This Christmas, prayerfully reflect upon your life's present focus. Consider the path that you are on & your relationship with the Savior. Ask God to reveal His will & to enable you walk in accord with it. Thank Him for sending Jesus into the world. Commit to reach out to others, that they also may receive the gift.