

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

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Eager to See Christ

Matthew 2:1-12

January 14, 2024

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, [2] saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." [3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; [4] and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5] They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: [6] "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" [7] Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. [8] And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." [9] After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. [10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. [11] And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. [12] And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.</p>	<p>The eager, active, joyful faith of the magi should refresh our own devotion to Jesus.</p> <p>I. Eager Faith (1)</p> <p>II. Active Search (2-9)</p> <p>III. Joyful Worship (10-12)</p> <p>Memory verses for 2024-</p> <p>Isaiah 46:3-4</p> <p>[3] "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;</p> <p>[4] even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

1. How did the news of Messiah's birth seem to make no impact on Jerusalem before the wise men came searching? Is there a lesson for us today?

2. Discuss this statement from Michael Green-
"What a contrast between Herod's kingship and that of Jesus. One inaugurated by Rome, an alien power, and based on aggression and cruelty; the other originating from love, shown in vulnerability, and entering into its kingdom through the cross."

3. How does the devotion of our hearts toward Christ impact our actions in worship?

4. How do we keep our passion for Christ from growing cold?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: