

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

WELCOME

**MORNING MESSAGE**

“The Adoration of the King”

Matthew 2:1-12

- I. THE WONDER OF THE MAGI (vv.1-2)
  - A. There are many myths and traditions about the wise men
    1. Legend says there were three of them
    2. Legend says they were kings
    3. Legend says they were from the orient
    4. Legend says their names were Casper, Bathazar, and Melchior
    5. Legend says they saw the conjunction of two planets
  - B. The only facts we have are those given by Matthew
    1. They came during the days of Herod the king
    2. They are called “wise men”, which translates the Greek word “magi”
    3. They are from the east, which means “from the rising sun”
    4. They came to Jerusalem
    5. They are looking for “he that is born King of the Jews”
- II. THE WORRY OF THE MONARCH (vv.3-10)
  - A. When Herod learned that the wise men were in town looking for the King of the Jews, he was “troubled”
    1. Troubled translates the Greek word “tarasso” which means to be disturbed, perplexed, afraid, or anxious
    2. The same word is found in Matthew 14:16, “And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled”
    3. All of Jerusalem was troubled
  - B. Herod called a meeting of the religious leaders
    1. He called the chief priests – it included the high priest, the captain of the temple, the temple treasurer, and the temple overseers
    2. He called the scribes – the authorities on Jewish law
- III. THE WORSHIP OF THE MAGI (vv.11-12)
  - A. The desire of the wise men was to worship
    1. Matthew 2:2, “and are come to worship him”
  - B. Notice the gifts they brought to Jesus
    1. Gold – the most precious metal
    2. Frankincense – an expensive perfume
    3. Myrrh – a perfume used for embalming
    4. They were gifts fit for a king