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What Made The Wise Men Wise?

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* Mat 2:1 (NIV) "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem" (2) "and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.""
* (3) "When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him." (4) "When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born." (5) "'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:" (6) "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"
(7) "Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared." (8) "He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
(9) "After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was."
(10) "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." (11) "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." (12) "And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route."
They Sought Out Jesus

- Deu 4:29 (NIV) "... seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."

- (Jer 29:13 NIV) You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

- (James 4:8 NIV) Come near to God and he will come near to you.
To Be A Wise Person In Unwise Days -- Seek Out Jesus He Is:

* Lord
* Savior
* Messiah
They Followed The Star -- That Pointed Them To Christ

* Until You Know Christ You Really Don't Know Much At All

* God Still Uses “Stars” (Witnesses/Signs) To Direct People To Christ
**They Worshipped Him**

**They Gave Him Gifts**

* (Psa 95:6 NIV)  Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

* (Psa 29:2 NIV)  Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
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They Gave Him Their Best Gifts

* **Gold** = The Gift For A King

* **Frankincense** = The Gift For A Priest

* **Myrrh** = The Gift For One Who Is To Die
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They Heeded The Warning Of The Spirit

* Because They Listened To The Warning Of The Spirit -- They Were Wise
They Went Home A Different Way

* When You Meet Him
  You Don’t Go Home The Same

* (2 Cor 5:17) “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”
They Looked For Christ

They Followed The Star That Pointed To Christ

They Worshipped Him -- Gave Him Their Best Gifts

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