

Jesus Acknowledged As King by Wise Men or Magi: An Unexpected Worship Mathew 02:01 – 11

**1. *Their surprising knowledge:
Jesus was born in Bethlehem
in the days of Herod***

- a. They somehow knew it
- b. They came seeking Him

**2. *Their unexpected question:
Where is the newborn King?***

- a. Their unusual journey
- b. Their purpose: Worship

3. *Their unexpected impact*

- a. Disturbed Herod.
He misconceived a threat
- b. Disturbed all the people
in Jerusalem
- c. Disturbed the religionists
 - 1) Herod quizzed the religionists
 - 2) The religionists had ignored
the Scripture (until now)
 - That Bethlehem
would produce a Ruler
 - That the Ruler
would govern,
lead God’s people

**4. *Their unexpected commission:
Having to search
for the newborn King***

1 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.

<p>a. Their testimony: Had seen the star in the east, v. 2</p> <p>b. Their commission from Herod: To go-search-find the child</p> <p>5. <i>Their unexpected sign:</i> <i>The star guided them again</i></p> <p>a. They followed the star</p> <p>b. They rejoiced because the star led them back to Jesus</p> <p>6. <i>Their unexpected King:</i> <i>A humble child</i> <i>in modest surroundings,</i> <i>Phil. 2:5-11; Heb 2:14-15</i></p> <p>a. They found Him in a house</p> <p>b. They worshipped Him</p> <p>c. They gave Him gifts</p>	<p>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.”</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.</p> <p>11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.</p>
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