

SEARCHING FOR A SAVIOR

We are pleased to have each of you join us for this time to worship and to celebrate the coming of God's Son, born to be our Savior. Part of this wonderful story we get to retell each year is the search of the wise men for the One who's star they followed from the East. While we do not know a lot about these men, we do know that they did three things that caused them to find God. You may find yourself identifying with those wise men of old. It is our prayer that you may personally receive this great gift of Christmas God offers to us in His Son.

1. SEEK THE TRUTH

After Jesus birth, wise men from the East arrive in Jerusalem asking, Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We observed His star rising and have come to worship Him.

Matthew 2:1,2

- Genuine Seekers:
1. Watch what's happening in the world
 2. Ask questions
 3. Do whatever it takes to find the truth

When you search for Me with all your heart, you will find Me!

Jeremiah 29:13 (NCV)

2. EXPERIENCE THE JOY

Three Possible Reactions to God's Guidance to you:

1. Like Herod - fear
2. Like the Religious Leaders - indifference
3. Like the Wise Men - celebrate with great joy

And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matthew 2:10 (NAS)

I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone! Your Savior has been born tonight!

Luke 2:10,11

- God's Gifts for You:
1. Forgiveness for your past mistakes
 2. Help for your present - a purpose and power to live today
 3. Hope for your future - a home in Heaven when you die

Jesus: I came to give you life - life in all its fullness.

John 10:10 (LB)

3. RECOGNIZE THE GIFT

Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all and, in fact, Christ Himself is the Creator who made everything in Heaven and earth . . .

Colossians 1:15,16 (LB)

When they entered the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

Thank God for His Son - His gift too wonderful for words.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (LB)

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