

Jesus Through The Eyes of The Magi

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-8

A lot of speculation has gone into the story of the Magi. They've been called "wise men," and perhaps they were. But the actual word used to describe them is "Magi," and yes that does sound like the word magic because there may be a connection. Perhaps they were the descendants of the "magi" who reported to Daniel 500 years earlier. The thought is that Daniel "primed" them to be watching for the star of a Savior who would be coming out of Judah.

They responded when the star rose, followed it, actually dropped what they were doing and traveled 900 miles to worship the newborn king. Their response is contrasted by the "threatened" response of King Herod. They gained information from him but did not commit themselves to his approach. Instead, they found the child (who may have been 2 years old), fell down before Him, and worshipped Him. And then went home by another route. We asked ourselves the question—do we go out of our way to worship Jesus? And do we do so with our treasures like they did?

Do we go back to our everyday lives after an encounter with Him? Or do we allow ourselves to change—and go home (and back to our lives)—by another route? A route that bypasses the Herod approach, and yields our lordship to Jesus?

Do we see Jesus, through the eyes of the Magi? We should!

Scriptures to Study:

Matthew 2:1-8

Daniel 9:24-2

Numbers 24:17