



The Wise Men

Matthew 2: 1-12

Myths

- There were three wise men
- They were kings
- They met Jesus in manger



Facts

- There were at least two of them.
- They were “magi.”
- They came from “the East.”
- They may have followed a lost prophecy of Daniel. *Daniel 9:24–26*
- They gave Jesus at least three gifts.
- First Gentiles to worship Jesus





STAR OF WONDER

Over the years there have been four main theories:

1. Halley's Comet.
2. Supernova.
3. Conjunction of Planets.
4. A Supernatural Light.





The Biblical order of events:

- Jesus was born
- Angels appears to the shepherds
- Shepherds visit (their sign was the manger, not the star)
- Eight days later Jesus is circumcised
- Six weeks later Jesus is consecrated in the temple
- Joseph, Mary, and Jesus go back to Bethlehem and live in a house
- The wise men arrive

Characteristics of the Three Wise Men

- They have become known most commonly as Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar (or Casper). According to Western church tradition,
- Gaspar (or Caspar): He is the King of Sheba. Gaspar represents the Frankincense brought to Jesus.
- Melchior: He is the King of Arabia. Melchior represents the Gold brought to Jesus.
- Balthazar: He is the King of Tarse and Egypt. Balthazar represents the gift of Myrrh that was brought to Jesus.
- Isaiah 60:6- The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.



Meaning of the Gifts for Jesus

- Gold: is affiliated with Kings and Christians believe that Jesus is the King of Kings.
- Frankincense: is occasionally utilized in worship in Churches and represented that people would worship and praise Jesus.
- Myrrh: is a fragrance that is embedded on dead bodies to make them smell pleasant and represented that Jesus would endure persecution resulting in his death.



What does the wise men teach us?

- **Seek Jesus diligently.**
- **They worshiped Jesus**
- **Gave gifts to Jesus**
- **Followed God's directions**



oh come oh come emmanuel and ransom captive israel that mourns
in lonely exile here until the son of god appear rejoice, rejoice
emmanuel shall come to you oh israel



*"For unto us a child is born
unto us a son is given
and he shall be called
Wonderful counsellor
Everlasting father, the Prince of Peace
And the government shall be
upon his shoulders"
Isaiah 9:6-7*

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God with us