

**The Good News was Worshipped by the Wisemen!**  
**Matthew 2:1-12**  
**Lesson #5**  
**12/31/23**

*2 Corinthians 9:15 (Amplified) "Now thanks be to God for His indescribable gift [which is precious beyond words]!"*

*2 Corinthians 9:15 (NLT) "Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!"*

**I. There were a variety of responses concerning Jesus.**

**A. The wise men came to adore Him.**

**1. They didn't mind traveling many miles.**

*Matthew 2:1 "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod; Magi from the east came to Jerusalem."*

**2. Their search for Jesus was meticulous.**

*Matthew 2:2a "And asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? ...."*

**3. Their purpose was to worship the Master.**

*Matthew 2:2b "... We saw his star in the east and we have come to worship him."*

**B. King Herod planned to attack Jesus.**

*Matthew 2:3 "When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him."*

**C. The religious leaders were apathetic towards Jesus.**

*Matthew 2:4 "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."*

**Matthew 2:5** “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:”

**Matthew 2:6** “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.”

## II. There are various actions regarding Jesus.

### A. The Jewish leaders by-passed the opportunity to worship Jesus.

### B. King Herod bolstered his plan to eliminate Jesus.

**Matthew 2:7** “Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.”

**Matthew 2:8** “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.”

### C. The wise men bowed in worship of Jesus.

**Matthew 2:9** “After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east<sup>e</sup> went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.”

**Matthew 2:10** “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.”

**Matthew 2:11** “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.”

**Matthew 2:12** “And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.”

**Matthew 2:13** “When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, “Get up” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

**Matthew 2:16** “When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.”

**Matthew 2:17** “Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:”

**Matthew 2:18** “A voice is heard in Rama weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

## How can we apply this lesson to our life?

### A. What is your attitude towards Jesus?

**Matthew 2:11b** “... opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”

### B. What action will you take in regards to Jesus?

**2 Corinthians 9:15** “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.”