

## A Christmas Lesson From the Magi

Matthew 2:1-18

### M\_\_\_\_\_ of the Magi

#### A. *We three kings from orient are*

1. The Bible never tells us how many magi there were. It was a conclusion based on the number of g\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Bible never tells us that these men were kings. They were wisemen or magi, which were pagan s\_\_\_\_\_ who served in the royal court.

#### B. *Following yonder star*

1. The Bible never states that they followed the star to Jerusalem, only to B\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Some try to make the star a natural phenomenon, like the result of the alignment of Jupiter and Saturn. The star was supernatural, like the p\_\_\_\_\_ of cloud or fire that led the Israelites).

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#### A. *We have seen His star in the east*

1. The scriptures do not p\_\_\_\_\_ of such a star (some point out Num 24:17, but Matthew would have pointed this out if it were so since that was his writing style).
2. The scriptures only record the magi as seeing this star.
3. The only prophetic voice that magi in that area received was in the days of Daniel who, in their history, was the c\_\_\_\_\_ of the magi (Dan 5:11).
  - a. Under the B\_\_\_\_\_ king, Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 2:47)
  - b. Under the M\_\_\_\_\_ king, Darius (Dan 6:26)
  - c. Under the P\_\_\_\_\_ king, Cyrus (Dan 6:28)

#### B. *We have come to worship Him*

1. The influence of Daniel, the chief of the magi, was preserved through g\_\_\_\_\_ of magi who understood the King of the Jews to be God in the flesh.
2. The Old Testament scriptures allude to the deity of the coming Messiah (Is 9:6 – *He will be called...the mighty \_\_\_\_\_.*)

#### C. How have you come to an understanding of who God is?

### The M\_\_\_\_\_ of the Magi

- A. They announced the c\_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah.
- B. They worshipped the p\_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah.
- C. They obeyed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah.
- D. Are you doing the same? (see 1 Pet 2:9; Matt 4:10; Jn 15:10).