

The Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)
What Child Is This? sermon series
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BIG IDEA: The wise men saw Jesus as a king to be worshipped. Do you?

We Are Creatures Of Worship

- We all worship something. Something will captivate our attention and receive our time, our love, and our energies. It could be the God we come to know in the Bible.
- The wise men saw Jesus as a king to be worshipped. They chose to worship the one they truly believed to be worthy of that worship, and they sacrificed a lot to do so. How about you? Do you see Jesus the same way? Do you respond to Him like that in your life?

Grace's Heart For Worship

- At Grace, we have come to understand that there is only one worthy of a person's worship. It's not people, or created things; it is the Creator of all Himself.
- We worship Jesus like the wise men first did because we know from the Bible that He separated Himself and came to earth out of His love for us, He paid the debt of our sins on the cross, and He conquered death and now lives within us as we surrender our hearts and lives to Him.
- May we do as the wise men did. May we seek Him, bow before Him, worship Him, and give Him the gifts of our lives as we go and tell others about Him.

MY NEXT STEP: *Where do I, intentionally or unintentionally, focus my worship, my devotion? How can I sacrificially worship God this season, as the wise men did?*

QUESTIONS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD:

1. Reread Matthew 2:1-12, imagining the scene that day in Mary & Joseph's home as best you can. What words or phrases stand out to you from the story? What grabs your attention? Why?
2. The wise men set the example for us of worship not always being easy and convenient, but sometimes we are sacrificial in our worship because we value the one we worship. Read Romans 12:1-2 and see how this concept might play itself out in your life this season.
3. Read a few thoughts God shares with us about worship in the Bible, from 1 Chronicles 16:23-31 and Exodus 20:2-6. What does God expect of us? Why do you think God sees it as important for us?
4. No worship here on this earth will ever compare to the worship all created beings offer God in Heaven. Read Revelation 4, thinking about what that might be like one day and how you might experience it.
5. Next week in our series called *What Child Is This?*, we will look at the life of King Herod and learn how He experienced Jesus. How do you think Herod saw or experienced Jesus? Share your thoughts and experiences with Pastor Dave in the comments of the "Hello" card at www.myGrace.church/notes!