

No Middle Ground

The Magi's challenge to submit to Christ; [Matthew 2:1-12](#). Dr. Chris Mueller; Christmas Eve 12-24-2018

Introduction:

Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: 6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.' " 7 Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." 9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

#1 Their I _____ 1-3

#2 Their I _____ 4-6

Numbers 24:17 A star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel
John 20:28 My Lord and My God

#3 Their I _____ 7-11

John 1:11-12 [Jesus] came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

#4 Their I _____ 12

2 Corinthians 5:17 If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

1st To R _____ the announcement of God

2nd To R _____ to the invitation they received

3rd To R _____ in Christ as the only way, the only truth and the only life

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are the top reasons today why those without Christ reject Christ?
2. What does God have to do in order to open the heart of an unbeliever?
3. What can Christians learn from the Magi that will help them live for Christ today?

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