How did they come?

- * From a great distance.
- * With great courage. Matthew 2:12
- * Bearing great gifts. Matthew 2:11

Gold- Worthy of the position as King

Frankincense- Vital in role as High Priest

Myrrh- Necessary as sacrificial Prophet

What do we learn?

- * They made sacrifices
- * They searched the Scriptures
- * They sought after Jesus
- * They surrendered in faith

So What...

Are you going to be wise this Christmas?

Christmas Sunday

December 22, 2019

"What's Up with the Magi?" Matthew 2:1-12

What's the deal?

Who were they?

* Magi- Wise men, <u>scientists</u>, magicians, <u>astronomists</u>, monotheists, Parthians, priests, interpreters, <u>King-makers</u> Gentiles, <u>worshipers</u>. <u>Matthew 2:1,11</u>

* They were probably more than <u>three</u>.

Matthew 2:3

* They were influenced by <u>Daniel</u>.

Daniel 2:48, 4:9

* They were students of Scripture.

Numbers 24:17, Isaiah 9:6,7, Daniel 9:24-27

When did they come?

- * At the appointed time. Galatians 4:4
- * Possibly around December 25?
- * In time to <u>celebrate</u> Jesus. Luke 2:7, Matthew 2:11; Luke 2:22.24