

“What’s Keeping You from Trusting Jesus?”

December 24, 2023 * Matthew 2:1-12

When you trust God, there’s

- **No _____ too far, 2:1**
“wise men from the east came to Jerusalem”
- **No _____ too hard, 2:2**
“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?
For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When you refuse to trust God,

- _____ **will overwhelm you, 2:3**
“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him”
- **Answers will elude you, 2:4**
“assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.”
- _____ **will desensitize you, 2:5-6**
They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet”
Prophecy recorded in Micah 5:2
- _____ **will consume you, 2:7-8**
“Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from
them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem,
saying, “Go and search diligently for the child”

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- **No _____ too difficult, 2:9-10**
“. . . And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before
them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.
When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”
- **No worship too costly, 2:11a**
“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother,
and they fell down and worshiped him. . . .”
- **No _____ too great, 2:11b**
“. . . Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

Fill in the blanks: distance, question, Fear, Apathy, Insecurity, obstacle, sacrifice