

## HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?

Matthew 2:1-12

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On that first Christmas morning when the Magi saw that miraculous star, they decided to pack their bags and travel in its direction.

### 1. THE MAGI'S SEARCH FOR THE GIFT – vs. 1-8

Magi - pagan astronomers who studied (astronomy) and interpreted (astrology) the stars and were known for their predictions of the rise of great Kings. *Daniel 2:48*

#### a) They inquired about the King being “born” – vs. 1-2

God somehow revealed to them through the manifestation of a star that a King had been born. *Numbers 24:17; Revelation 22:16*

#### b) Their search was met with Agitation, Apathy and Anger – vs. 3-8

- *Agitation of Herod v. 3b* - troubled because his rule was threatened

- *Agitation of All Jerusalem v.3b* - All Jerusalem was troubled because Herod was troubled. Their lives were already hard under this merciless tyrant. What would he do to them now that someone was supposedly born to take his place as king?

- *Apathy of the Priests and Scribes – vv. 4-6* The Priests and Scribes gave the right prophetic answer but had no interest to look into whether or not this prophecy was *actually* coming to pass.

- *Anger of Herod – vv. 7-8* Herod became so angry that he schemed to kill the child Jesus under the guise of worship. *Matthew 2:16-18*

### 2. THE MAGI FOUND THE GIFT – vs. 9-12

a) The Gift was Celebrated! – v. 10 – They celebrated when they found Him. *Matthew 5:12; 1 Peter 4:13*

b)The Gift was Worshipped! – v. 11 Only Deity or a King was worthy of worship back in that day, and they found *both* in the Child Jesus. *Acts 2:36*

c) The Gift Changed Their Lives! – v. 12

After finding what they were looking for, they surrendered their lives to God and were changed and went in an entirely new direction!