SEARCHING FOR A SAVIOR

The Wise Men: What Were They Looking For:

1. THEY SOUGHT THE TRUTH.
   Matthew 2, “After Jesus’ birth wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem asking, “Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We observed His star rising and have come to worship Him.”
   • First, genuine seekers WATCH what’s happening in the world.
   • Second, genuine seekers ASK questions.
   • Third, genuine seekers do WHATEVER it takes to find the answer.

   Jeremiah 29:13 “When you search for Me with all your heart, you will find Me.”

2. THEY EXPERIENCED THE JOY.
   Three Possible Reactions:
   • First, you can react like Herod did which was with FEAR.
   • Second, you can react like the religious LEADERS did, be indifferent, be apathetic, be skeptical.
   • You can react like the wise men did and CELEBRATE.
     Matthew 2:10 “And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”
     Luke 2, “I bring you the most joyful news ever announced and it is for everyone. Your Savior has been born tonight.”

   1. It means forgiveness for EVERYTHING you’ve ever done wrong in your past.
   2. It means having a PURPOSE and POWER to live today.
   3. It means the security of knowing your home in HEAVEN is there for you when you die.

   John 10:10 “I came to give you life, life in all its fullness.”

3. THEY RECOGNIZED THE GIFT.
   Colossians 1 “Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God. He existed before God made anything at all and in fact Christ Himself is the creator who made everything in heaven and earth.”
   Matthew 2:11 “When the magi, the wise men, went into the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary and they bowed down and they worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”