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THE "WISE MEN'S" WISDOM

(Matthew 2:1-16)

1. THEY WERE INTERESTED IN JESUS (v2)

That's a good starting place for us, too.

We should be interested in Jesus; He's interesting. (Matt. 1:21; 1 Peter 2:22-24)

2. THEY WERE READY TO SEARCH FOR JESUS (v2)

It was not a forced march; seeing "His star," they began the journey.

Herod was searching, too; however, for the wrong reason. (v3, v13, v16)

3. THEY DID NOT LET SOMEONE ELSE DO THEIR SEARCHING

Herod let others do the searching. (v8)

(Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 2 Timothy 2:15)

4. THEY WERE NOT TOO PROUD TO ASK FOR GUIDANCE (v2) "Where ...?"

Wow! Men stopping to ask for directions.

(Acts 8:30-31) "... he asked Philip to come up and sit with him."

5. THEY LISTENED TO GOD RATHER THAN MAN (v8-9, v12)

(Acts 5:29) "We ought to obey God rather than men."

6. THEY WERE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE TO FIND JESUS

They counted that the cost of the journey would be worth it all.

7. THEY DID NOT STOP UNTIL THEY FOUND JESUS (v9)

Many start with good intentions, go a long way, and then stop short of the goal.

(Galatians 5:7; Acts 24:25; Acts 26:28)

8. FINDING JESUS, THEY DISPLAYED THEIR DEVOTION IN WORSHIP (v11)

Some, having found Jesus, do not worship Him afterwards.

(Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Peter 2:2-3)

9. THEY PROVED THEIR SINCERITY BY GIVING TO JESUS (v11)

They gave more than the expense of the journey: "presented gifts to Him"

CLOSE: We see the wisdom of the wise men. Wise men still seek Him. How wise are you?