



Pop Quiz:

Wise Men



True or False?

**The wise men were
present at Jesus' birth.**



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- a) **1**
- b) **3**
- c) **12**
- d) **unknown**



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True or False?

The wise men were kings.



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “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.”

MATTHEW 2:1-2 ESV



When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

MATTHEW 2:3-4 ESV



They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

MATTHEW 2:5-6 ESV



Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

MATTHEW 2:7-10 ESV



And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

MATTHEW 2:11-12 ESV

Two Responses

Herod & Jerusalem

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- | Focused on self
- | Sought to keep power
- | Plotted to kill Jesus

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Am I hardened to God's work because
it is not what I have expected?

Do I reject God's way of life because
it seems backwards to me?

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The Wise Men


- | Focused on the King
- | Sought to pay tribute
- | Worshiped Jesus



Our worship of Jesus
must reflect Jesus.

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Our response to Jesus
ought to reflect Jesus.

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