

Saved from Ourselves
Matthew 2:1-12, Pew Bible p. 807
December 22, 2024

I. The Wise Men Seek Jesus (V. 1-8)

- A. The world needs a Savior because it is looking for one.
 - 1. Everyone knows something is missing.
 - 2. Everyone knows we are not in control.

- B. The world needs a Savior because it has rejected God.
 - 1. We are not all looking for the same Savior.
 - 2. We will not all be saved by the Savior.

II. The Wise Men Find Jesus (V. 9-12)

- A. You will find the Savior when you listen to God's revelation.
 - 1. Signs from everyday life
 - 2. Signs from miraculous events
 - 3. Signs from the Bible

- B. You will find the Savior when you make Him your Lord.
 - 1. Your allegiance to His name
 - 2. Your treasures at His feet

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 2:1-12
2. What does the Magi's desire to find the King of the Jews in verse 1 tell us about the world's search for a Savior? How did you discover your need for a Savior?
3. What does King Herod's reaction to the Magi's quest in verse 3 tell us about the world's response to the true Savior? Have you or someone you know ever been offended by Jesus and what He came to do? Why?
4. What did the Magi have to do to find the Savior after they left Jerusalem, according to verses 9-10? What are different ways God reveals Himself to people today? How did God reveal Himself to you?
5. What do the Magi's gifts in verse 11 tell us about the proper response to Jesus? What are some ways you can lay your treasures at Jesus' feet today?
6. What are some important impressions you have from the Christmas story this year, though you may have heard it many times before? How are you going to act on these impressions?
7. Pray for our church to celebrate Christmas with a humble mind as we seek to put Christ before ourselves.

John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- No prayer meeting this Wednesday night!

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Kasuma A. (grandnephew), Gary C. (wife), Darlene R. (Husband)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (jobs for her sons), Charity M. (upcoming surgery), Marjorie M. (all to have union with Christ), Levi S. (Car repair and means to go to Thailand Mission Trip)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.