

Oxford Baptist Church – Dec 17, 2023 – Jay Nugteren
The Scenes of Christmas – “The Wise” – Matthew 2:1-12

Intro

- Who were the wise men?
- Leaders would have magi to help give them counsel (Genesis 41, Daniel 2:2)
- What is wisdom?
 - Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom. -Charles Spurgeon
 - Proverbs 9:10

The Wise Men Journeyed

- God used the star to get their attention (Matt. 2:2, 9, Psalm 19:1-4)
- They knew about the prophecies of a king of the Jews (Numbers 24:17)
- The wise men travelled hundreds of kilometres to find the newborn king

The Wise Men Worshipped

- Even though the small house may have been disappointing, they went in
- The wise men enter the house and worship the newborn king (Matt. 2:11)
- We are all created to worship

The Wise Men Brought Gifts

- They brought gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matt. 2:11)
- They come to Jesus not looking to receive but to give

Conclusion

- Ask God for wisdom
- James 1:5
- Proverbs 2:6, 8:11, 16:16
- Be like the wise men: journey and worship
- Take notice if God is trying to get your attention

Questions for Personal and Group Study

- 1) What was involved in your journey to Christ?
- 2) Spurgeon said “Wisdom is the correct application of knowledge”. Do you agree with that definition? How would you define wisdom?
- 3) Is your life characterized by worship of Jesus? Or something else?
- 4) Do you ask God for wisdom in your life (James 1:5)? How are you seeking wisdom (Proverbs 2:2,4-5)?