

# THE WORSHIP OF THE MESSIAH

MATTHEW 2:1-12 JEREMIAH 23:5 NUMBERS 24:17



**INTRODUCTION:** Matthew continually presents Jesus as the fulfillment of prophecy. In the second chapter of Matthew's Gospel we discover three such Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in Jesus with an allusion to a fourth. He was born in Bethlehem according to the Scriptures - Micah 5:2. He was called out of Egypt according to the Scriptures - Hosea 11:1. His birth was accompanied by great sorrow according to the Scriptures - Jeremiah 31:15. People respond differently to the Word of God and to Jesus Christ. In our passage we discover various responses to Jesus as King and Savior. Generally there are three different heart responses when people are confronted with the "Kingship" (Lordship) of the LORD Jesus Christ...agitation and hostility - apathy and indifference - acceptance and worship. Is the LORDship of Jesus Christ embraced in your life? How is that being worked out and visible in your daily life in your home, at work or school, and in your church and community?

**A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ - ARRIVAL IN JERUSALEM - vs. 1-2**

1. Their Origin - "from the \_\_\_\_\_"
2. Their Guidance - "we saw His \_\_\_\_\_ in the east"
3. Their Purpose - "have come to \_\_\_\_\_ Him"
4. Their Inquiry - "\_\_\_\_\_ is He..."
5. Their Assurance - "...Who \_\_\_\_\_ born King of the Jews"

**B. THE \_\_\_\_\_ - HEROD THE GREAT - vs. 3-8**

1. His \_\_\_\_\_
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ - v. 3
3. His INQUIRY of the Rulers - vs. 4-6 \_\_\_\_\_?
4. His INQUIRY of Magi - v. 7 \_\_\_\_\_?
5. His COMMISSIONING of Magi - v. 8

**C. THE MAGI - ARRIVAL IN BETHLEHEM - vs. 9-12**

1. Their Guidance - "the \_\_\_\_\_...went before them"
  
2. Their Emotion - "they \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ GREAT JOY"
  
3. Their Worship - "they...fell down and \_\_\_\_\_ Him"
  - a. They presented \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ
  
  - b. They presented their \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ
  
4. Their Departure - "being divinely \_\_\_\_\_ ... they departed..."

**Various Responses to God's Word**

**HEROD**

**PRIESTS**

**PEOPLE**

**MAGI**

**Example of Finding God's Will**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**