

**What Child is This?
Week 2 – Wise Men**

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 800)

What child is this?

He is one that came a great _____ to arrive at Bethlehem.

John 1:1-2,9-12, 14 (NLT, pg. 881) In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God...The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God...So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

He is one that originated from a place of means and has access to _____.

Psalms 24:1 (NLT, pg. 462) The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Psalms 50:10 (NLT, pg. 475) For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills.

He is one that would give the ultimate _____.

Galatians 1:3-5 (NLT, pg. 971) May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

1 John 3:16 (NLT, pg. 1032) We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

John 14:27 (NLT, pg. 897) "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

Philippians 4:13 (NLT, pg. 985) For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Mark 10:45 (NLT, pg. 840) "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

John 13:14-15 (NLT, pg. 895) And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

John 3:16 (NLT, pg. 883) "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

He is the one who came to _____ something.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT, pg. 651) If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Luke 19:10 (NLT, pg. 872) For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

He is the One True Savior of the entire world that is worthy to seek and to _____.

Luke 2:30-32 (NLT, pg. 851) I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"

Final Thought: The wise men sought out Jesus, bowed before Him, worshiped Him, gave Him the fruit of their life, and told others about Him. What is your _____ to the Christ child?

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Week 2 Discussion Questions

Read Isaiah 60:1-6. This passage is a prophecy about the coming Messiah. The ancient lands of Midian, Ephah, and Sheba all are located in the Arabian Peninsula. The first two are tribal lands in the north with Sheba found in the south. The gifts mentioned are consistent with the gifts the wise men brought to Jesus mentioned in Matthew. These gifts were carried from their origins in Arabia. How does putting all of these pieces together strengthen your faith? Explain.

Reflect on the list of gifts that God gives us through the Christ child. How does this list make you feel? Explain. Have you accepted and used all of these gifts? Why or why not? What gift from God have you experienced that is not on included in this list? Which one is most important to you right now in your faith journey? Explain.

Is it surprising to you that the wise men saw Jesus in a house in Bethlehem and not at the manger? Why or why not? Read Matthew 2:13-23. Herod's plan to eliminate this newborn king gives us an interesting clue as to the actual timeline of the wise men's visit. Is it any more surprising that Jesus could have been close to two years old when they arrived? What does this say about their commitment to find Jesus, since the journey took so long?

Most scholars believe that Mary and Joseph used the gifts from the wise men for travel and living expenses while they were in Egypt, and then to eventually return to Nazareth. What does this teach you about God's provision and biblical stewardship?