

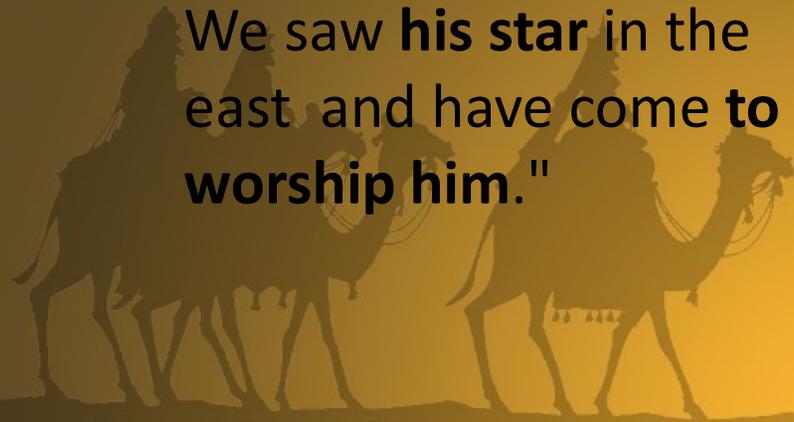
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Matthew 2: 1-12



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- **1** - After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem
- **2** - and asked, "**Where** is the one who has been born king of the Jews?
We saw **his star** in the east and have come **to worship him.**"
- **Guidance** is been led from **A-to B.**
- **Where** do we find Jesus how would you guide them?
- Guidance for what? **Motivate?**
- Guidance to **worship**



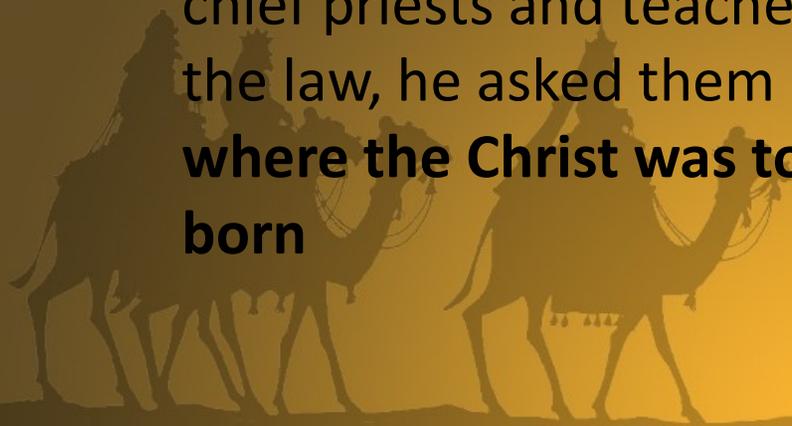
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Herod's Response & Request

- **3** - When King Herod heard this he was **disturbed**, and all Jerusalem with him.
- **4** - When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them **where the Christ was to be born**

Guidance from Scriptures

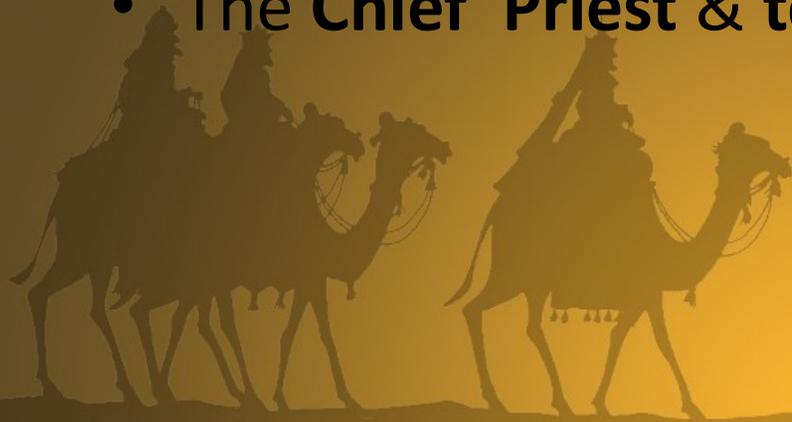
- **5** - "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:
- **6** - "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.' "



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Jerusalem- Bethlehem-- 6 miles

- Only The Magi Are ...
- Herod is...
- The Chief Priest & teachers are...
- Motivated
- Interested
- Indifferent



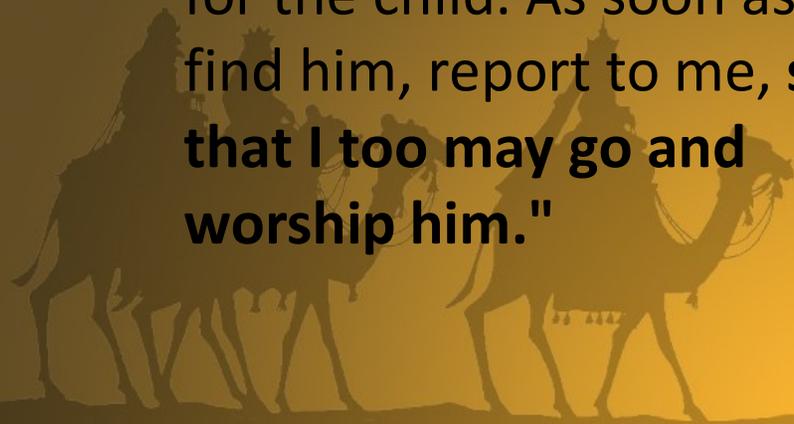
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Herod's Deception

- **7** Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.
- **8** - He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, **so that I too may go and worship him.**"

Guidance-Confirmed

- **9** -After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it **stopped over** the place where the child was.
- **10** - When they saw the star, they were **overjoyed.**



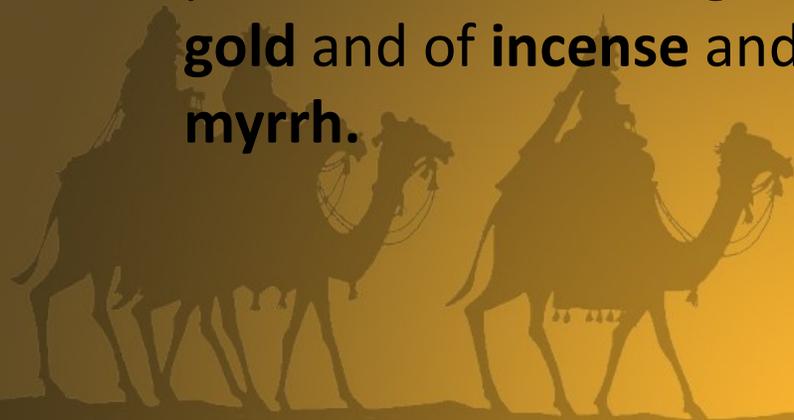
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Faithful to their purpose

- **11** On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they **bowed down** and **worshiped** him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of **gold** and of **incense** and of **myrrh**.

Guidance from a dream

- **12** And having been **warned in a dream** not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



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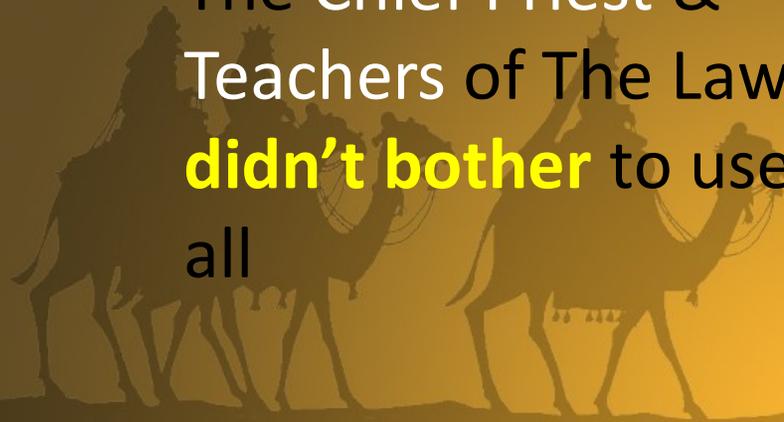
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Responses

Worship

Death

Indifference



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- Our Motivation for Guidance?

Worship ?

Self-Interest ?

“Knowing”
for the sake of
knowing ?

