

LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS

Matthew 2:1-12

Introduction:

#1 Their I

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4. How many wise men came to see Jesus? 1, 2, 3, 6, 10 or a small army or Unknown?
5. What does "wise men" refer to? Which answer is wrong? A)Men of the educated class, B)They were eastern kings, C)They were astrologers, D)They were smart enough to follow the star, E)They were "sages". F)They were King Makers
6. The wise men found Jesus in a: A)Manger, B)Stable, C)House, D)Holiday Inn, E)Good mood
7. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem: A)To inform Herod about Jesus, B)To find out where Jesus was, C)To ask about the star that they saw, D)For gas, E)To buy presents for Jesus.

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Numbers 24:17 A star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel

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John 1:11-12 ... came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name

#4 Our I

2 Corinthians 5:17 If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come

1st To _____ the announcement of God

2nd To _____ upon the invitation they received

3rd To _____ Jesus Christ

Exchange all that _____ are, for all that _____ is

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- 3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
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- 5 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:
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- 9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was.
- 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
- 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
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