

Christmas 2022

***Come Worship
the King***

Matthew 2:1-12



A cinematic scene set in a dark, rocky cave. On the left, a man with a beard and a brown cap, wearing a heavy brown robe, is kneeling and looking intently at a woman on the right. The woman is lying down, holding a newborn baby wrapped in white cloth. She is looking up at the man with a serene expression. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong light source from the right, creating a soft glow on the woman and the baby, while the rest of the scene is in deep shadow. The overall mood is intimate and reverent.

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The Magi Visit the Messiah

Matthew 2:1-12

Three things we learn

- They seek the right thing
- They were taken to the right place
- They found Jesus and worshipped him



Magi

How many of them?

Where are they from?

Who are they?



Caspar Melchior Balthazar

They seek the right thing

Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

**They seek to
Worship the King
God initiated them
to find Him**



They were taken to the right place

⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,'

**God uses
unexpected helpers**



**Jesus was born in a
little town of Bethlehem**

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 shepherd my people Israel.”

‘The City of David’

King David birth place

Rachel burial place

Naomi & Ruth



God uses the star

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

**They pursued him
relentlessly**



**They found Jesus,
the King and
Worshipped him**

***¹⁰ When they saw the star,
they were overjoyed.***



**With Exceedingly
Great Joy**

With Humility

***¹¹ On coming to the house,
they saw the child with his mother
Mary, and they bowed down
and worshipped him.***

Surrender Reverently to Him



With Giving

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

TREASURES NOT TRASH

Gold – King of kings

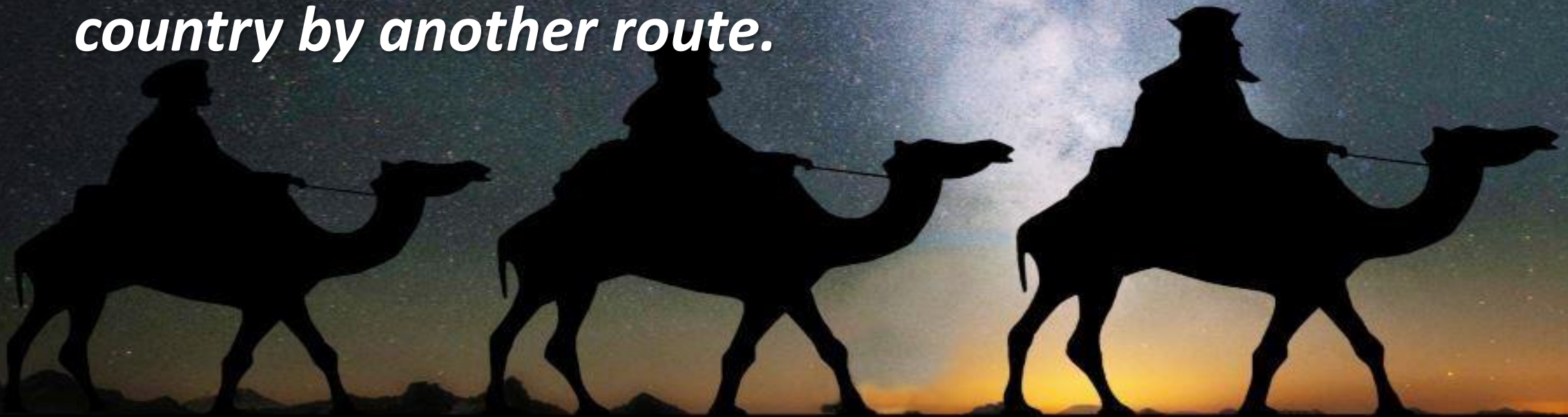
Frankincense – Priesthood

Myrrh – Death and Sacrificed for All



With Obedience

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



They Trust and Obey God

How about us?

***Will you Seek to Worship the
King this Christmas and live
a life of worship unto Him?***



Be like the Magi



**NOT Herod or
*the chief priests and
teachers of the law***



**God will help us find
Jesus and worship Him**

***He is the one behind
the Christmas story***

**WHEN GOD
CAME DOWN**

Jesus is seeking us out!

***He left his glory behind in heaven to
come to us and sacrificed his life to save us!***

Come Worship the King

- **With Great Rejoicing**
- **With Humility**
- **With Giving**
- **With Obedience**



The Blessing of Christmas for Everyone!

JOY TO THE WORLD

***Our life & hearts will be filled with
joy, peace, hope, and love of God!***