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Matthew 2:1-23

**What day,
month or year
did the magi
visit Jesus?**

What do we know
about the magi
that are
mentioned in the
Bible?

**How many magi
were there?**

Matthew 2:1

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

Matthew 2:2

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.”

Matthew 2:3

King Herod was deeply disturbed
when he heard this, as was
everyone in Jerusalem.

Matthew 2:4

He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”

Matthew 2:5

**“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they
said, “for this is what the prophet
wrote:**

Matthew 2:6

‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’

Matthew 2:7

Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared.

Matthew 2:8

Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”

Matthew 2:9

After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:10

When they saw the star, they
were filled with joy!

Matthew 2:11

They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:12

When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Matthew 2:13a

After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said.

Matthew 2:13b

“Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

Matthew 2:14

That night Joseph left for Egypt
with the child and Mary, his
mother,

Matthew 2:15

and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt."

Matthew 2:16

Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance.

Matthew 2:17

Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

Matthew 2:18

**“A cry was heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning.
Rachel weeps for her children,
refusing to be comforted, for they
are dead.”**

Matthew 2:19

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt.

Matthew 2:20

“Get up!” the angel said. “Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead.”

Matthew 2:21

So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother.

Matthew 2:22

But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee.

Matthew 2:23

So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

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Sermon Series Recap

To Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing

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John 1:1-18, Col. 1:15-20

How we choose to live our lives in light of the arrival of the Messiah reveals our priorities, our affinities, our knowledge of Scripture, our spiritual maturity, and what it is we hold most dear.

To Introduce Us to God's WORDS

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Luke 1

The manifestation of God in the flesh on earth was designed to wreck and then correct our understanding of God, of His upside down and backwards kingdom, and to intentionally challenge every idea, value and tradition we hold dear.

To Obey and Fulfill God's Will

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Isaiah 52:7 – 53:12

We must first become who God wants us to be, so that we can do what God wants, His way. God's way will always require us to give up our rights and privileges, to suffer for the King's sake, to embrace short term failure, and that we be rejected and despised while we share the Gospel.

To Teach Us the Ways of the Master

The background of the slide is a night scene of a town. In the center, a bright star with a four-pointed cross-like pattern shines in the dark sky. A beam of light from this star shines down onto a building in the town. The town is illuminated with lights, and mountains are visible in the distance under a starry night sky.

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Luke 2:1-20

The ways of the Master, which were evidenced by how He decided to come into our world, are meant to contrast God's ways of doing things with the upside down and backwards ways of the world, our culture, and the ways we Christians do things.

To Get the Facts Straight

The background of the slide is a night scene of a town. In the center, a bright star with a four-pointed starburst is visible in the dark sky. A beam of light shines down from this star, illuminating a central building in the town below. The town consists of several white buildings with lit windows, set against a dark landscape with mountains in the distance. The overall atmosphere is serene and focused.

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Principle #1

A proper response to Christ's arrival into the world is to seek Him out in order to investigate the validity and legitimacy of who Jesus claims to be.

Principle #2

A proper response to Christ's arrival into the world is to believe in Him and to put your faith in Him.

Principle #3

A proper response to Christ's arrival into the world is to obey Him as your Lord and Master.

Principle #4

A proper response to Christ's arrival into the world is to rejoice, to praise and to celebrate the unconditional love of God!

Principle #5

A proper response to Christ's arrival into the world is to honor and glorify Him with the way you live your life.

Principle #6

A proper response to Christ's arrival into the world is to proclaim the Good News to anyone and everyone in every which way possible.

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