

WHY DOES CHRISTMAS (STILL) TOUCH OUR HEARTS?

Christmas helps us understand God's wisdom.

(Matthew 2:1-12) After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived unexpectedly in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they told him, "because this is what was written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah: because out of you will come a leader who will shepherd My people Israel." Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and asked them the exact time the star appeared. He sent them in Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find Him, report back to me so that I too can go and worship Him." After hearing the king, they went on their way. And there it was - the star they had seen in the east! It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed beyond measure. Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

1. Worldly Wisdom

- A. All true wisdom comes from God.
- B. Some worldly wisdom is good.
- C. Worldly wisdom that agrees with God is true wisdom.

2. Wondering Wisdom

- A. There must exist a standard for genuine truth.
- B. God is the standard for all truth.
- C. It's a good thing when people investigate Scripture.

3. Wasted Wisdom

- A. God's wisdom was wasted when it did not impact their lives.
- B. God's wisdom is wasted when it does not impact our lives.

4. Worship Wisdom

- A. These were wise men because they worshiped Jesus.
- B. We are wise men and women when we worship Jesus.