



WONDER: God Uses the Called

Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, December 22, 2019

AVBC 10:30 am



"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, frankincense and myrrh." – Matthew 2:11

□ When visitors just show up...



1) The Called Take ACTION (vs. 1-2)

- ⊙ The truth about: *"We three kings from Orient are..."* (and other bad Christmas songs...)
- ⊙ The truth about: *"The King of the Jews"*
- ⊙ The truth about: The *"Star in the East"*

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." – James 1:22-25

(Matthew 7:21, 24, Colossians 3:17, 23-24, 1 John 3:18)

2) The Called Overcome Spiritual COMPLACENCY (vs. 3-8)

- ⊙ Disturbing news (vs. 3)
- ⊙ Those who should have known (vs. 4-6)
- ⊙ *Cunning, Ruthless, Treacherous, Evil* (vs. 7-8)

3) The Called WORSHIP (vs. 9-12)

- ⊙ Overjoyed (vs. 9-10)
- ⊙ *Bowed down* and Worshiped (vs. 11a)
- ⊙ Giving good Gifts (vs. 11b-12)

****We all have a calling to Action, Spiritual Maturity, and Worship****



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What is your understanding of why we give gifts at Christmas? What is one of the most meaningful gifts that has been given to you at Christmas?

Q2: In what ways can all the busyness of life and the Christmas season divert your attention from worship of Jesus?

Q3: How does accurate knowledge of the details of the nativity scene help you to worship?

Q4: Read James 1:22-25 and the "Action" verses. What is God calling you to actively do right now in your life? How are responding to that call?

Q5: How should our response to Jesus look like the magi's response?

Q6: How do you define worship? What qualifies as worship? What forms can it take? In what ways do you worship Jesus?

Q7: How does this passage speak to God's desire to reach the nations with the message of Jesus?

Q8: Who can you be praying for over the Christmas season that they might receive the message of Jesus?