

The Seekers, The Scrooge, and The Savior

Matthew 2:1-18

The Seekers

● Their identity

1. Magi or w_____
 - a. Greek word, *magos* - where we get our word m_____
 - b. Babylonian culture (Dan 1:20) – part of the king's court, skilled in astrology, consulted s_____ for guidance.
2. Men from the E_____
 - a. G_____ (non-Jewish)
 - b. They knew about the King of the Jews (the Christ) due to the teachings by a chief magi in their history named Belteshazzar (the Babylonian name of D_____ (Dan 4:9)
 - c. Scripture says nothing about a s_____ that would appear to indicate the birth of Christ (if there were Matthew would have quoted it, since this is his pattern throughout the book).

● Their direction

1. W_____ - this means that they did not follow this star to Jerusalem (they saw the star in the east)
2. The star appeared again while they were on their way to B_____ (six mile journey from Jerusalem)
3. The star led them to the e_____ location of the Christ child, which means it was not a natural phenomenon, but a supernatural one.

● Their purpose in reference to Christ

1. Primary – w_____ the child (they acknowledged Christ as G_____)
2. Secondary – give g_____ (rare and precious)

● Who are today's seekers?

1. Rom 3:10 – no one seeks G_____ on their own
2. Jn 6:44 – no one can come to Christ unless the Father d_____ them
3. We who have experienced God's work on our hearts are the seekers! Have you come to worship Christ?

The Scrooge

● His identity

1. King H_____ (appointed by Rome as ruler over the Jewish people)
2. Historically, a ruthless k_____, passing the death sentence on anyone who opposed him.

● His purpose in reference to Christ

1. Summoned the s_____ to search the scriptures concerning the birth place of the Christ (Mic 5:2)
2. Interviewed the magi to determine when the s_____ first appeared (used it to calculate the maximum age of the Christ)
3. Pretended to be a w_____ of Christ
4. Primary purpose – to k_____ the Christ to preserve his throne.

● The result

1. A massive slaughter of c_____

2. The Christ child unharmed because of God's w_____ to Joseph.
 3. Herod went to his grave thinking he was successful
- Who are the scrooges of today?
 1. Those who only think about _____ (inward attitude indicates this)
 2. Those who see Christ as un_____ (lifestyle indicates this)

The Savior

- There is only one Savior – J_____ (Acts 4:12; I Jn 4:14)
- There is only one compelling force that can change the heart – the H_____ or the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:8).
- Have you thanked the Savior for His gift of grace?