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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

AND WHEN THEY WERE COME INTO THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE YOUNG CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER,
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SCRIPTURE READING: **MATTHEW 2: 4-18**

Matthew 2:11, And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. The **Gospel of Matthew** was written primarily to the Nation Israel.
- b. It was first written in Hebrew, the author being Matthew in 50 to 70 AD.
- c. It was directed primarily to the religious men of that time.
- d. Matthew presents the program of God as it relates to the Kingdom of Heaven.
- e. The Kingdom of Heaven is the theme of this Gospel.
- f. The One who is going to establish that Kingdom on earth is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- g. The **Gospel of Matthew** contains three major discourses concerning the Kingdom of Heaven.
- h. The Sermon on the Mount looks back into the past. It is the Law of the Kingdom.
- i. The Mystery Parables contained in **Matthew Chapter 13** reveal the condition of the Kingdom of Heaven in the world during the present age in which we live.
- j. Our Lord tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a sower, like a mustard seed, like leaven, and so on.
- k. The Olivet Discourse looks at the future to the return of the King and the things beyond this Age.
- l. We do not go to the **Book of Matthew** to obtain our church doctrine.
- m. It is contained in other passages of scripture, primarily **Romans** thru **Philemon**. We must remember we are commanded to continue stedfastly in the apostle's doctrine. **Acts 2:42, And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Jude 1:17, But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 2 Timothy 2:2, And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**
- n. Remember, the Kingdom of Heaven and the Church are not the same.
- o. It is important to know Matthew to understand the Bible.
- p. Some themes in the Book of Matthew are:
 1. Jesus came to save both the Jews and the Gentiles.
 2. There is one true God, but expressed in three persons, the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. 1 John 5:7, For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
 3. The standards of God are high, but the examples he gave us in Jesus Christ are perfect.
 4. Christ is sufficient for whatever needs the Christian or believer may have. 2 Corinthians 12:9, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Colossians 2:10, And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: Philipians 4:19, But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

5. *The ways of God are infinitely higher than the ways of the world or man. **Isaiah 55:8, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.***
6. *Jesus willingly laid down His life to redeem a sinful world with His perfect and acceptable sacrifice unto God. **John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Galatians 4:4, But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, Hebrews 10:12, But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; John 10:18, No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.*** We must remember the Lord Jesus came the first time to save the Soul. During the first phase of his second coming he will redeem the body. **Hebrews 10:39, But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. James 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.**

2. INTRODUCTION

Please refer to the December 26, 2021 morning message for the Introduction.

3. FIVE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE.

- b. **Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.**
 1. **Matthew 2:4-8, And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. 5: And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 6: And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. 7: Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. 8: And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.**
 2. The wise men learned of Jesus from the star.
 3. **It does not say in the Scriptures that there were three wise men.**
 4. On the contrary, I think this was an impressive delegation of wise men.
 5. They not only disturbed Herod, but the entire city of Jerusalem was troubled.
 6. These wise men were an educated class of people who were responsible for preserving and transmitting learning and counseling to rulers. This is recorded for us in **1 Chronicles 27:32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons.**
 7. Herod was a superstitious man who diligently asking the wise men questions about Jesus and where His birthplace was to be.
 8. **The striking contrast between Herod and the wise men is that the wise men were seeking Jesus to worship Him and Herod was seeking Jesus to destroy Him with his destructive plan for his own selfish reasons.**
 9. Scripture tells us that, **Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.**
 10. We find that these wise men were in the east. This was not an eastern star. They did not go east. They went west following the star.
 11. If they had gone east, they would have ended up in India or China, not in Bethlehem.
 12. How did the wise men know about the star? I believe **Numbers 24:17** provides the answer. **I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.**

13. The wise men in the east knew about the prophecy and were able to associate that star with the King that was identified to come out of Israel, so they were in search of the King of the Jews.
14. We also find that in **Esther 4:11** that the sceptre and the star go together, which enables us to come up with some information with respect to the wise men and their move to the west seeking the King of the Jews. **All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.**
15. The Bible says in **John 1:11**, **He came unto his own, and his own received him not.**
16. The Jewish people, like Herod, did not receive the Lord Jesus, but these wise men were Gentiles coming from the east traveling many, many miles from their homeland, risking their lives to find our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
17. This is the reason we need to seek Christ for salvation this day and hour. **Acts 4:12**, **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.** Are you seeking the savior my friend or are you wrapped up in the commercial aspect of Christmas? Have you replaced Merry Christmas with Happy Holidays? I find no salvation in Happy Holidays. It is Christ that saves and there is no salvation in any other. **John 14:6**, **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** **Deuteronomy 30:19**, **I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:**
18. **Luke 13:28-29**, **There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. 29: And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.**
19. We must press into the Kingdom. We must seek the Lord Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation. **John 14:6**, **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
20. Notice Herod privily called the wise men and enquired of them diligently about the star.

c. They departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them,

1. **Matthew 2:9-10**, **When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. 10: When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.**
2. The star stood over the house, not the stable as Christmas card's picture today.
3. The wise men and shepherds were not together at the manger of Jesus Christ.
4. It was a particular and important period when Jesus was born. It was tax enrollment time. A large crowd was gathered, which was the reason there was no room for them at the inn.
5. After a period and the arrival of the wise men, the tax enrollment time was over, the crowd was gone, and the city was back to normal.
6. Joseph and Mary stayed in Bethlehem and moved into a house.
7. These wise men came to the house and presented their gifts to Jesus.
8. **Matthew 2:2**, **Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.**
9. Notice, they saw the star in the east. It was not an eastern star. The star led them westward.
10. **Matthew 2:9**, **When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.**
11. Notice it does not say a babe in a manger. It says "over where the young child was."
12. I do not believe this was an ordinary star. I think it was a star that was different from any other star that would appear in the sky.
13. God, in His providence, used this special star to guide the wise men to the Lord Jesus.

14. There are several other examples where the Lord prompted people to move to a certain location.
15. In **Acts 8** God used Philip to guide the Ethiopian eunuch to the Lord. **Acts 8:26, And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. Acts 8:35, Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.**
16. Jesus also appeared to Paul. In **Acts 26:18** Jesus told him to go to the Gentiles, **To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**
17. God uses Christians today to guide lost people to the Saviour, and we must be sensitive to God's will. He says in **2 Corinthians 5:20, Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. John 6:29, Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**
18. The mission of Chesswood Baptist Church is to get the message to a lost and dying world.
19. As the wise men obeyed and followed the star, we also must obey and get the Gospel out to the world as the Lord Jesus has told us to do according to **Matthew 28:19-20, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 20: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Our mail out ministry has grown to 350 messages goes out every week.**
20. In **Matthew 11:28** He says, **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

d. ...And when they were come into the house,... fell down, and worshipped him:...

1. Let us correct an error that has been perpetuated throughout Christian circles. In **Matthew 2:11** it says, **And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.**
2. **The wise men came from the east to worship Jesus and not Mary.**
3. These wise men are not with the shepherds. They are alone at Jesus' home. Upon their arrival, the star stopped over the house. They went in and found the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. If we think about it, this scene reminds us of the local church. According to **1 Timothy 3:15** **But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth.**
5. These wise men were seeking truth. They were seeking the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
6. They found Him and they did not hesitate to go in to worship Him.
7. Notice **they did not worship Mary** as one of the world's religion teach. They say she is a saint to be worshipped. This is simply not so. Mary indicated that she needed a Saviour. **Luke 1:46-47, And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47: And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**
8. **The truth is that Mary was saved by grace just as you and I are saved.**
9. In our salvation process we must come into the house. We must come to the Lord Jesus Christ. **Acts 2:47, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**
10. **Matthew 2:11, They fell down and worshipped Him.**
11. In **Matthew 1:21** we have a verse that means a lot to us. **And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**

e. Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him

1. **Matthew 2:12-15, And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. 13: And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the**

young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. **14:** When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: **15:** And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

2. Herod's destructive plan did not work because Joseph was warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and flee into Egypt until the death of Herod.
3. Herod was seeking to destroy the young child's life.
4. Notice Joseph traveled by night to be undetected and departed into Egypt.
5. We must remember that was a fulfillment of prophecy because the prophets said, "Out of Egypt have I called my Son."
6. Herod dies an unsaved man, and Joseph brought Jesus into Nazareth. To slip into eternity without the Lord Jesus Christ it would have been good that a man had not been born. **Matthew 26:24**, The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

f. Then Herod,... was exceedingly wrath, sent forth and slew all children...

1. **Matthew 2:16-18**, Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. **17:** Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, **18:** In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.
2. Herod's decree was to destroy all children under two years old. It did not say to destroy just male children as some teach.
3. This means the destruction of the children under two years old was not only for the local area but extended to surrounding areas as far north as Ramah. In **Jeremiah 31:15**, Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. the prophets indicated there would be weeping in Ramah.
4. We must remember it was at least a year-and-a-half to two years before the wise men got to the location to speak to Herod about the Christ child. **Matthew 2:7**, Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Christ died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin and mine. He physically rose from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and presented His blood at the Throne of God.
- b. Today we can have salvation if we trust Christ as our personal Saviour.
- c. In the words of a great song, "Oh, come let us adore Him. Oh, come let us adore Him. Oh, come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."
- d. He is the living Saviour today, sitting at right hand of the Throne of God making intercessions for you and I.
- e. **1 Timothy 3:16**, And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.
- f. **Romans 3:23**, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- g. **Romans 3:10**, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
- h. **Romans 10:9-10**, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10:** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- i. Let us reflect on some verses on eternal security. The Bible plainly teaches that once you are saved and born again, you are saved forever! **1 Peter 1:4**, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, **John 10:27-29**, My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: **28:** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. **29:** My Father, which gave them me, is

greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. **2 Timothy 1:12**, For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. **Romans 8:38-39**, For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39**: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **1 John 5:13**, These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

- i. Would you come to Jesus today for your salvation?
- j. Please stand.

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