

Academics and the Messiah
Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 4
Matthew 2:1-12

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- ¹ Now, Jesus having been given birth¹ in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, look! magi from *parts* east arrived in Jerusalem,
- ² saying, “Where is he who was born King of the Jews? For we saw His own star in the east,² and we came to worship Him!”
- ³ And when King Herod heard, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.
- ⁴ And, when he gathered together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began inquiring from them where the Christ would be given birth.³
- ⁵ And they told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus has it been written through the prophet,
- ⁶ “‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, ‘by no means are you least among the leaders of Judah; for from you will come out a Leader who will shepherd My people, Israel.’”⁴
- Matthew 2:1-12* *DJP ad hoc*
- ⁷ Then Herod, having called the magi privately, got precisely from them the time of the appearing star.
- ⁸ And, sending them unto Bethlehem, he said, “Go, research precisely concerning the Child; and when you find *Him*, report to me, so that I also might come and worship Him.”
- ⁹ And when they heard the king, they went; and look! the star, which they saw in the east,² began leading them on, until it came and stopped⁵ over *the place* where the Child was.
- ¹⁰ And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with extremely great joy.
- ¹¹ And coming into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and falling down they worshipped Him; and, opening their treasure chests, they brought Him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh.
- ¹² And, being⁶ warned by way of a dream not to return to Herod, by another path they departed into their country.

Intro:

I. They _____ Jerusalem (vv. 1-8)

A. Who They Are (v. 1)

1. Identity: *Magi*

2. _____ity:
 - a. Whence:

 - b. Whither:

3. _____ity

4. Fraternity

5. Notoriety

¹ Same verb tr'd *beget* in chap 1, slightly different sense.

² Or *at its rising*, though singular form of plural noun translated parts *east* in v. 1.

³ Same verb tr'd *beget* in chap 1, slightly different sense.

⁴ Micah 5:2.

⁵ Or *stood, stood still*.

⁶ Or *because they were*.

B. _____ They Came (v. 2)

1. Foreground
 - a. *Where is he who was born King of the Jews?*

 - b. *For we saw His own star in the east, and we came to worship Him!*

2. Background

C. How They Were _____ (vv. 3-8)

1. Disturbance (v. 3)

2. Dis_____ (vv. 4-6)
 - a. Who

 - b. What?

3. Dis_____ (vv. 7-8)

II. They _____ Bethlehem (vv. 9-11)

A. How They Got There (vv. 9-10)

1. What the star _____

2. What the star likely _____

3. What the star likely _____

B. What They _____ There (v. 11)

III. They _____ Homeward (v. 12)

A. Leaving Us to Wonder

B. Leaving Us to _____