Matthew 2:1-11

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Introduction

- I. A focus of the Christmas story is worship!
- II. These wisemen were saved to worship. And so are we. II Corinthians 5:15.

Worshipping the King of the Jews

I. The Unlikely Worshippers

- A. The wisemen were unlikely, but willing, worshipers of King Jesus because of God's sovereign grace working in their hearts.
 - 1. The wisemen are unlikely worshippers because they are Gentile magi from the east.
 - 2. These wisemen come to worship the King of Jews because of God's gracious work.
- B. The faith of the wisemen is contrasted to the unbelief found in Jerusalem.

II. The Humble Worship

- A. The wisemen were saved to worship their King instead of themselves.
 - 1. What characterizes their worship?
 - 2. We have been saved to worship Jesus, our Savior, as we read in I Cor. 5:15.
- B. Those who worship Jesus bring their gifts.

III. The Great King

- A. We know this because we see Him not as a young child in Bethlehem, but as the Lord of all ascended into heavenly glory. He is the Savior we need and love.
- B. Because we know so much more of what it means that Christ is our King, we should want to worship Him in our lives all the more.