

The King of Kings

{Matthew 2:1-12}

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[I] The setting

[A] Common _____ assumptions

[1] The wise men are kings

[2] There were three of them

[3] They came to the inn/stable just after the shepherds

[B] _____ surrounds the star

God has vast experience with stars!

“He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their _____.”

[C] What we know with good certainty

[1] The magi were astrologers/astronomers from the east

[2] They were conversant with the _____

[3] Knowledge of a great Jewish king to come was _____ outside Israel

“A _____ shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel” [Numbers 24:17]

[II] The Divide

[A] Two kinds of _____

[1] The baby Jesus--the One who is before all things, and in whom all things hold together” was born in obscurity to poor parents

[2] _____ the Great

Builder of palaces named after himself – monuments to his insatiable narcissism

[B] Two kinds of inquiries

Herod and the magi both diligently look for King Jesus

[1] _____ and eager interest

“We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him”

[2] Self-serving _____ interest

[C] Two responses to God’s Word

[1] Those who know the prophecies best care little

They know the truth intellectually, but they are _____ to it

“These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have _____.” [John 5:40]

[2] Those struggling to understand care deeply--the outsiders are _____ in a

A deep longing _____ them as they cross the desert--Christ is drawing them

[III] The Unspeakable Gift

The King of Kings “loves us and has _____ us from our sins by his blood” [Rev. 1:5]

[IV] Wise men continue to seek the King

“You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with _____.” [Jeremiah 29:13]

[A] Joyful _____ --“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy

[B] Worship--“they fell down and worshipped him”

[C] Giving--we give freely to whatever we _____

The wise men teach us wisdom – train our affections for 2020