

“INSIGHT FROM AFAR”

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Attention to details in life is very helpful. Some of those have slightly been missed in the Christmas story and that’s one story you really don’t want to get wrong!

Regarding these travelers:

1. They are _____ who look to the _____ for direction.
2. They _____ as many as _____.
3. They arrive _____ the birth of Jesus.
4. They journey in _____ transportation.

TRULY WISE MEN

① _____ in Journey

These magi traveled _____ of miles.

Do you have this commitment?

② _____ of Kingship

Though foreigners to Jerusalem and Judaism, they boldly assert that this One who has been born is King Jesus.

Are we that bold for our Savior? The best news is that you don’t supply the boldness (Acts 4:24,29,31) but you do need to _____ for it!

③ _____ in Knowledge

Acting on such scant resources does not hinder their endeavor.

We don’t need to have it altogether to be a witness for Christ but we really do need to be _____ ambassadors taking the life-giving message to a needy world.

④ _____ of Gifts

Their significance:

1. gold → Jesus as the _____!
2. frankincense → Jesus as the _____!
3. myrrh → Jesus as the _____ One!

Gifts that truly cost you something are the only ones worth _____ to the Lord (2 Samuel 24:24).

CONCLUSION

Three “wise men”? Not entirely! Yet their actions serve notice of what it takes to truly be wise men and thus, to truly please the Lord.

When you meet Jesus, everything changes. Has your life changed? Would there be enough evidence in a court of law to convict you of being a Christ follower?

These magi truly became wise men. So too can you when you meet Jesus, for He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6).