

We Have Come to Worship Him

Matthew 2:1-12

Introduction

From the day of His birth, it was clear that Jesus was no ordinary child. It wasn't just the star in the heavens or the joyous angelic proclamation that made Christ's entrance unique. It was also that such a variety of faithful people from different nations, professions, and backgrounds were immediately drawn to Him.

1. Long before he issued His invitation to "come, _____ me," many came looking for Him.
2. Not everyone recognized that Jesus was sent from God as the Messiah to _____ the world.
3. The "good tidings of great joy" announced by the angels moved those shepherds to go and _____ the message.
4. Matthew declares Jesus to be the _____, the King of the Jews, who deserves our honor and worship.
5. He affirms that Jesus came to save not just the Jews but all the _____ of the world.
6. He proclaims that all of _____ declares Jesus to be God's Son.
7. He also announces that those who _____ Jesus oppose those who accept and worship him.
8. Matthew also confirms that worshiping Jesus means joyfully acknowledging God's authority and dignity to Christ with sacrificial _____.

I. Jesus - Messiah

9. Matthew describes a newborn child destined to be King of the Jews, but he focuses upon _____.
10. Verse 4 clarifies what the magi mean by "King of the Jews." It says, " And when Herod had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the _____ was to be born."

11. Messiah means the long-awaited God-anointed Ruler, who would overcome all other rulers, bring an end to _____, establish the kingdom of God, and never die or lose his reign.
12. These travelers were searching for a _____ who would end the reign of all kings.
13. The scribes refer to the text in Micah because it answered the question that the Messiah would be born _____.
14. Matthew's second emphasis reveals that this king was to be worshipped not just by Jews but by _____ the nations of the world.

II. Jesus – Worshipped by All

15. Matthew focuses on the _____ who come from the east to worship Jesus.
16. Matthew depicts Jesus as a universal Messiah for all the nations, not just for _____.
17. The wise men are not from Israel, but from the East - probably from _____.
18. The Magi were _____.
19. Jesus not only opened the door for Gentiles to rejoice in the Messiah, but it also added proof that he was the _____.
20. Matthew believes that Jesus is the promise and _____ for all the nations, not just Israel.

III. Jesus – Revealed Son of God

21. God involves the _____ to make his Son known and worshiped.
22. All of Heaven declares Jesus to be God's _____.
23. We shouldn't become so preoccupied with developing speculative theories that we miss the _____ significance of the event.
24. The point of Christ's coming as the Son of God was to reveal that God desires a personal _____ with us!

25. Matthew begins his gospel with "come and see," but he closes with "go and _____."
26. God's purpose extends from our individual salvation to the gathering of all nations of the world to _____ his Son.

IV. Jesus – The Only Choice That Matters

27. The tragic reality is that those who reject Jesus also oppose those who _____ him.
28. It has meant opposition for those who do put their faith in Christ throughout _____.
29. Matthew mentions two kinds of people who do not want to worship Jesus, the Messiah. The first kind is made up of people who simply do _____ about Jesus.
30. The second group of people are the ones deeply _____ by him.
31. For all the choices and decisions you make in your lifetime, the one that matters most is the choice you make about _____.

V. Jesus – All the Earth Bows Before Him

32. To worship Jesus means to joyfully and _____ ascribe divine authority and dignity to Christ accompanied with sacrificial gifts.
33. When the magi found Jesus, they quickly ascribed _____ to Him as the Christ by falling down before him.
34. Bowing to the ground is what you do when you find yourself in the presence of a _____.
35. One day all the _____ will bow down and acknowledge Jesus as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Conclusion

36. In verse 10, "When they saw the star, they _____ with exceedingly great joy."

37. You cannot escape the impression that authentic worship is more than just ascribing authority and dignity to Christ; it is doing this _____.
38. We come to worship Him because we see something in Christ so desirable that just being near him overwhelms and compels us to _____ down before Him.
39. We joyfully submit to His sovereign _____.
40. Profound worship means joyfully offering _____ gifts.
41. The _____ we give should represent the honor and desire we have for Christ.

Whatever opposition you may encounter during your journey of faith, joyfully give God all the honor, praise, and glory for sending Jesus. Rest in His promise, "I will never leave you nor forsake you! Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."

ANSWERS

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| 1. Follow | 25. Tell |
| 2. Save | 26. Worship |
| 3. Investigate | 27. Accept |
| 4. Messiah | 28. History |
| 5. Nations | 29. Nothing |
| 6. Heaven | 30. Threatened |
| 7. Reject | 31. Jesus |
| 8. Gifts | 32. Intentionally |
| 9. Worship | 33. Dignity |
| 10. Christ | 34. King |
| 11. History | 35. Earth |
| 12. King | 36. Rejoiced |
| 13. Bethlehem | 37. Joyfully |
| 14. All | 38. Bow |
| 15. Maji | 39. Authority |
| 16. Jews | 40. Sacrificial |
| 17. Babylon | 41. gifts |
| 18. Gentiles | |
| 19. Messiah | |
| 20. Fulfillment | |
| 21. Universe | |
| 22. Gon | |
| 23. Spiritual | |
| 24. Relationship | |