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THE WISDOM OF THE WISE MEN

(Matt. 2:1-12)

1. THEY WERE INTERESTED IN JESUS (v2)

That's a good starting place for us, too.

We should be interested in Jesus; He's interesting. (Mtt. 1:21; 1 Peter 2:22, v24)

2. THEY WERE READY TO SEARCH FOR JESUS (v2)

It was not a forced march; seeing "his star," they began the journey.

Herod was searching, too; however, for the wrong reason. (v16)

3. THEY DIDN'T LET SOMEONE ELSE DO THEIR SEARCHING

Herod let others do the searching. (v8)

(1 Thess. 5:21; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15)

4. THEY WERE NOT TOO PROUD TO ASK FOR GUIDANCE (v2) "Where ... ?"

Wow! Men stopping to ask for directions.

(Acts 8:30-31) "Understand what you are reading? ... "

5. THEY LISTENED TO GOD RATHER THAN MAN (v8-9, v12)

(Acts 5:29) "We ought to obey God rather than man"

6. THEY WERE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE TO FIND JESUS

They counted the cost of the journey, travel expenses, would be worth it all.

7. THEY DID NOT STOP UNTIL THEY FOUND JESUS (v9)

Many start with good intentions, go a long way, and then stop short of the goal.

(Gal. 5:7; Acts 24:25; Acts 26:28)

8. FINDING JESUS, THEY DISPLAYED THEIR DEVOTION IN WORSHIP (v11)

Some, having found Jesus, don't worship Him afterwards.

(1 Peter 2:2; Heb. 10:23-25)

9. THEY PROVED THEIR SINCERITY BY GIVING TO JESUS (v11)

They gave to Jesus more than the expense of the journey: treasure, time, talent.

CLOSE - We see the wisdom of the wise men; wise men still seek Him; how wise are you?