Wise Men Still Worship Him

(Matthew 2:1-12)

Introduction: 1. In an effort to try to "meet people where they are," I want center this sermon on some of the events that surrounding the early years of Jesus.

- 2. Notice, I didn't say "events surrounding his birth," because the "wise men" were not present at Jesus' birth.
- 3. But they are a part of the early narrative of Jesus' life.
- 4. I suggest to you that wise men today, should act in a similar fashion as these famous wise men of long ago.

I. These Wise Men Searched For & Sacrificed To Worship Jesus

- A. (Matthew 2:1).
- B. They came from a long distance away, requiring sacrifice to worship.
- C. The reason people worship or don't worship has little to do with convenience, distance, etc. but everything to do with wisdom!
- D. Wise men know this!

II. These Wise Men Worshiped Even When Others Wouldn't

- A. (Matthew 2:1-5).
- B. It appears that none of the chief priests and scribes had sought him out to worship; nor did Herod intend to worship.
- C. Men of influence and power should not sway our desire to worship.
- D. Wise men know this!

III. These Wise Men Actually Worshiped

- A. (Matthew 2:11).
- B. Not only did they "come to the house," but once there, they worshiped.
- C. Just being in the right location doesn't constitute worship.
- D. (John 4:24).
- E. Wise men know this!

IV. These Wise Men Obeyed A Higher Authority

- A. (Matthew 2:12).
- B. The word of God, spoken through an angel, took precedence over what King Herod had instructed them to do.
- C. We should obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29).
- D. Wise men know this!
- Conclusion: 1. There is a lot of speculation as to where these wise men came from, and the circumstances that caused them to seek out the Lord, but at the end of the day, it doesn't matter.
 - 2. What matters is that they came and they worshiped the Savior of the world.
 - 3. Likewise, it doesn't matter where you came from; what matters is where you are and what you are going to do right now.