



**Part 1: The Entourage from the East**  
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If you grew up in a church and heard the story of the three wisemen, you may automatically picture three kings from the Orient bearing gifts, walking a little stooped over with three camels, following this star which eventually stops over a manger on Christmas morning, and they go in and find baby Jesus lying in the manger wrapped in swaddling clothes. Is this how it all really happened?

**See if you can answer these questions:**

1. How many wisemen were there?
2. What did these wisemen do for a living?
3. When did they arrive to worship Jesus?

**2 key questions to understanding the mystery of the Magi**

**1. What is the real story?**

*When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Matthew 2:3-6 (NIV)*

**2. What is God saying to us?**

"The people least in possession of the truth were most passionately in pursuit of it."  
~Mark Buchanan

*You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:39-40 (NIV)*

*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him. Matthew 2:2 (NIV)*

*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Matthew 2:10-11 (NIV)*

**Reflection/Application**

1. Where are you on the journey of life? In other words, where do you find yourself these past years, months, and days?
2. What is your destination? In other words, where are you going and what are you looking for?

They say it's not about the destination but it's about the journey, but not for the Magi.