

First Words:

A. The surprised Magi's journey was initiated with _____
- **Matthew 2:1** - *Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem...*

1. Herod the king

2. Wise men – Greek word “Magoi”

3. From the East – Persia

John 1:9 - *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

B. The surprised Magi's journey began with the _____
- **Matthew 2:2-3** - *Saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.*

1. The Lord's _____ for the nations - **Isaiah 60:3** - *And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

2. The Lord's _____ in the nations - **Numbers 24:17** - *I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.*

C. The surprised Magi's journey continued with the _____
- **Matthew 2:4–6** - *And assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ “ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”*

1. The Scriptures _____ concerning Jesus Christ - **Micah 5:2** - *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

2. The Scriptures _____ to Jesus Christ - **John 5:39** - *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.*

D. The surprised Magi's journey culminated with _____
- **Matthew 2:9–11** - *After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ⁹ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

1. The _____ - **John 8:12** - *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

2. The _____ - **Psalms 72:10** - *May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!*

3. The _____ - **Matthew 2:13–14** - Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt.

E. The surprised Magi’s journey resumed as _____
_____ - **Matthew 2:12** - And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

1. They went back to their land a different _____ - **Matthew 2:16**
- Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

2. They went back to their land different _____ – **2 Corinthians 4:6–7** - For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

So...What’s it me?

1. The Magi _____ to a King, do I? “...and they fell down and worshiped him”

2. The Magi _____ of the King, do I? “.....they departed to their own country ...

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