

MAGI: The Wise Still Seek Him  
Matthew 2:1-12  
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No clue about their names, number, royalty: . . . but . . .

- tradition calls them *Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar*
- *we think of “3”* because there were three gifts
- *Isaiah the prophet speaks about Kings (Is.60)*  
following the Messiah’s light & bringing gifts to the Messiah

What we know is this = They are representative figures

### 1. They represent the **WHOLE WIDE WORLD** COMING TO JESUS

Not just from the known world of Rome & the West

But from the vast expanse of the unknown world (“the East”)

- A world-wide vision for people of every race and tongue –
- when less than 25,000 followers of Jesus in the whole world.

### 2. They represent HUMAN KNOWLEDGE & WISDOM

**FINDING ITS CENTER** in A PERSON (Jesus)

**not** an object or idea, or knowledge or data

The Magi were the intelligentsia and scientists of their day

Brought to their knees before a baby

- the sign of God’s incredible humble love
- embraced by a kind of knowledge that science cannot explain

### 3. They represent the **RIGHT RESPONSE TO Jesus:**

**HUMILITY AND GENEROSITY**

They lay aside their pride and knelt down, paid homage (worshiped),

& opened their treasure-chests – giving their ALL: total allegiance

- not just who they were -- but what they had
- a costly & sacrificial act of commitment

### WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME

Jesus actually changed the course of your life?

You gave away something of enormous value/expense for him alone?

You saw the center of life in terms of relationship? With Jesus?

You expanded your vision for Christ from your small world to his?

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