



LOOKING INSIDE THE NATIVITY
Part 3 – Learning to Give Like the Wise Men
Matthew 2:1-11

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- I. THE MAGI SOUGHT THE SAME ANSWER TO LIFE WE SEEK TODAY. (Matthew 2:1-9)
- A. These Magi were a group of Persian priests and astronomers who lived in either Iraq or **Southern Arabia**.
- B. What star did these men see?
1. In 5 to 2 B.C., ancient Egyptian records tell us of a star called the Masori, which means "**birth of a prince**,"
 2. What the Magi saw wasn't a star at all, but rather the **Glory of God**. The word translated "star" in the verse is the word, "aster" which means, "the shining." (John MacArthur)
- C. Three entities in this passage illustrate people today:
1. The wise men represent those who are **seeking** Jesus like some here this morning.
 2. Herod represents those people who are **opposing** Jesus.
 3. These priests and scribes in the Bible represent those who are **ignoring** Jesus.

Jeremiah 29:13 "And you shall seek me and find me when you shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, says the Lord, and I will turn away your captivity."

