



Today's Topic: Hope for Seeking Souls

Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, December 20, 2020

1. _____

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw _____ when it rose and have come _____.’” Matthew 2:1-2

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come _____ who will _____ my people Israel.”

Matthew 2:6; compare Micah 5:2,4

2. _____

“He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you _____ him, report to me, so that I too may go and _____ him.’” Matthew 2:8

3. _____

“When they saw the star, they were _____. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and _____ him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:10-11

The Point:

Discussion Questions:

1. Why are some quests more important than others?
2. What sort of thoughts would have been running through your mind if you were one of these Magi preparing for this journey?
3. Why can these Magi see truth that Herod and others in Jerusalem cannot see?
4. Why is hard sometimes for those of us who have been raised in the faith to become immune to its powerful effect on us?
5. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?