



Come & See What God Has Done

The Wisemen

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How far would you travel to see something with your own eyes? Might you travel to another state close by? Or would you travel a great distance on the off chance you might see something extraordinary another person had told you about? Are there limits to your curiosity? When we consider the Wisemen, we are left with a sense of amazement at the extent to which they were willing to travel in search of that confirmation of a prophecy being fulfilled. The prophet Micah is the source of their inquiry. The prophecy they were following is found in Micah 5:2-4.

We find the story of the Wisemen in Matthew 2:1-6 & 8-11, 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, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "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." 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. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 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.

The quest of the Wisemen for the Christ Child should inspire all of us. They were not considered Jewish by faith. The remnant of Jewish culture in their land left knowledge of the prophecy of a coming Messiah. Despite that little bit of information, they left their land to seek out this Savior, this one who would be the shepherd of His people.

Friends, some people today need to hear of the Savior born in Bethlehem. They need to see what has made a difference in the lives of you and me. They need to find the Jesus we know. Because they, too, can experience what the Lord can do in their lives, as He has done in our lives.

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