

Searching

I. The Wise Men Looking at Stars (Matt 2:1-12)

- A. Where did they come from? Who are they?
 - 1. Maybe they were disciples of Daniel
 - 2. Maybe they were pagan astrologers
 - 3. Maybe they were seeking the next interesting thing.
- B. Sometimes what we're paying attention to isn't traditional but it leads us to Jesus. He's not far from any one of us. (Acts 17:22-28)
 - 1. Most of us are seeking some sort of meaning to our lives.
 - 2. Those that aren't typically do when they reach a crisis.
 - 3. Our actions are guided by our beliefs whether or not we've delineated those beliefs.
- C. The experience left them changed for the better.
 - 1. They worshipped Him
 - 2. They gave Him gifts that were likely prophetic
 - a) *Gold- valuable, sign of power/authority (temple, palace, etc)*
 - b) *Frankincense- aroma to God (Exodus 30:34-38)*
 - c) *Myrrh- burial (John 19:39)*

II. Jesus' Parents Going About Their Lives (Luke 2:41-52)

- A. Some of us like our routines and plans, but then God intervenes
 - 1. We don't see it coming
 - 2. It's frustrating
- B. Keep your focus on Jesus.
 - 1. God does have routines. (Acts 2:42-47)
 - 2. But He also chooses to surprise us
 - 3. Whatever He does it is consistent with Who He is (James 1:12-18)

Maybe you're not seeking or anything. Maybe you're just taking it as it comes and living life till you die. Maybe you're overthinking it and trying to plan for every contingency thinking it's all on you. Jesus wants us to trust Him and He wants us to seek Him. He gives us hope and a future.