

Matthew 2:1-2

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 have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

The Magi came looking for Jesus, the problem was that they were asking the wrong person how to find Jesus. Today people are looking for Jesus, but they too are asking the wrong people how to find Him.

During Christmas time people will look for Jesus in movies, plays, songs and other means that talk about Christmas, but usually they include things that actually are not associated with the birth of Jesus. Take today's verses as an example.

With most stories about Christmas and the birth of Jesus, they always include the Three Wise Men, who are also called "Magi". But they were not even there when Jesus was born, and they did not find Jesus laying in a manger, but it was two years later and they found Jesus in a house, not a stable. Plus, no where in the bible does it say that there were three wise men, people just say that because three different gifts were presented to Jesus.

Note what they asked, which helps confirm this. *"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."*

Notice it says "**has been born**" not "will be born" meaning as it says in verse one *"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem"*

What, you still think that's not enough evidence for them not finding Jesus in a stable laying in a manger? Look at verse 11.

† **Matthew 2:11** *And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

"when they had come into the house" That does not sound like a stable to me, and they wouldn't bring a manger (feeding trough) into a house to have Jesus sleep in every night. It also says "**the young Child**" which is not a newborn baby, but Jesus could have been up to two years old at this time.

So why do I stress this so much? Simply because once again, there are many who are looking for Jesus, but they are asking the wrong people or searching in the wrong places.

So who are the right people and places that people should be looking for Jesus?

First and foremost, God's word, the Bible. Jesus even talked about this when He said:

† **John 5:39** *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*

But second would be us as believers. Think of the Magi, who were looking for Jesus, and they were pointed to Herod, who actually wanted Jesus to be found so that he could go see Jesus and kill him.

† **Matthew 2:3 & 16** *When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.*

Today, so many are pointing people to their wallets and bank accounts by having others look for Jesus in ways that will cost them financially. They don't care if others find Jesus, in fact most of them don't even know the Jesus of the bible, they just want to make a buck off of the holidays and Jesus' birth.

But that's where we come in as believers. That's where you and I point people to Jesus. Not to a tree or presents or lights or Santa Claus or anything else. But to Jesus who was born to walk this earth and die for all of our sins.

So this Christmas season, celebrate the birth of Jesus by helping others be born again, then they will truly be able to celebrate Christmas, and the birth of our Lord and Savior, **JESUS CHRIST!!!**

† **John 3:3** *Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

† **Jeremiah 29:13** *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*