

The Star, the Magi, and Their Worship

Intro: The Gospel of Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus Christ. The second chapter begins with Gentiles from the east who have journeyed to find Jesus and worship him.

- I. "O star of wonder, star of night"
 - a. Did it reappear this past Monday night?
 - b. Led them first to Jerusalem, to be led by the Scriptures
 - c. The ultimate *astro-logical* mission

- II. "We three(?) ~~kings~~...wise men...*magi*"
 - a. Not kings, and maybe not three, but they were wise
 - b. They speak one line, and they ask one question: *Where?*
 - c. Their journey had one purpose: "to worship him."

- III. "Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God on high."
 - a. They were overjoyed when they found Jesus
 - b. They bowed down and worshiped him
 - c. They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts

Close: "Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;

Alleluia, Alleluia! Peals through the earth and skies."