

CHRISTMAS CALAMITIES—SERMON # 2
The Magi's Miscalculation
Matthew 2:1-12

I. THE INQUIRY OF THE _____ (vs. 1-2)

- Herod was wealthy, politically shrewd, and gifted in _____.
- Think of the “Magi” as “_____ astrologers”

Two answers explaining why they went to Jerusalem—

- First, this capitol city and its temple were ground zero for religious activity and _____.
- Second, it served as an announcement to all that The Messiah had actually _____.

What do we learn from the Magi?

- God still leads His people in _____, dramatic ways.
- Jesus is still looking for those who just want to _____ Him.

II. THE INNOVATION OF THE _____ (vs.3-8)

- Herod was desperately trying to establish a _____.
- A man in the King's position would never show such intense interest in a few astrologers and their _____ visions.
- Skeptics can curse or ridicule our Christian faith while we passively _____ them.

III. THE INTIMIDATION OF THE _____ (vs.9-12)

- There is not the slightest hint anywhere in the Bible that we are to worship _____ in any capacity whatsoever.

Applications—

- God will take care of the _____ as we follow His will.
- We should quickly heed the _____ of the Lord.