

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *Matthew 2:1-12*

**Title:** *Responding to Jesus*

**Central Truth:** God sovereignly and supernaturally revealed His saving Son to gentiles whose hearts were receptive.

### I. vv. 1-2: The King's Star

v. 1: The "Herod" mentioned here was known as Herod the "Great". He was appointed King of Judea in 40 B.C. by the Roman Caesar and Senate. KJV - **wise men, magi** (Greek - *magos*) It gives us our English words magic and magician.. They were probably of Persian descent.

v. 2: The wise men saw a special star which alerted them about Jesus' birth. Scholars date Jesus' birth somewhere between 7 - 4 B.C.

### II. vv. 3-8: The King's Strategy

v. 3: KJV & NASB - **troubled**, NIV - **disturbed** - Literally this word means to shake together, to stir up (*c.f. John 14:1*).

*Sneaky Herod does three things:*

**Gathers information** (Two sources)

v. 4: 1. Jewish sources: \_\_\_\_\_

v. 5: (*c.f. Micah 5:2*)

v. 7: 2. Gentile wise men: \_\_\_\_\_

v. 8: 3. Gives instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. vv. 9-12: The King's Service

*Wise men responded three ways:*

v. 11: 1. **Fell down**: sign of humility and submission.

2. **Worshipped Jesus**: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Presented gifts**: **Gold** is the gift of royalty. **Frankincense** was for His deity. **Myrrh** was for His humanity. It points to His suffering and death!

These gentile men gave in response to God's grace in their lives! So should we!