

They Bowed Down and Worshiped Him

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Matthew 2:9-11 -- "After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they has seen in the East went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh."

Have you heard of a man by the name of John Beeden? John Beeden just finished rowing a one man boat across the Pacific Ocean. He began in San Francisco and finished in Australia. (Cairns) When John Beeden was asked why he wanted to do this, her responded. "For the Challenge!" He already rowed across the Atlantic and wanted a greater Challenge.

This Morning we hear about the Wise Men – The Magi from the East. They made a long planed out journey from the East. Perhaps from Babylon (Present Day Iraq) or Sheba / Seba (Present day Yemen) to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem the Magi went to ask King Herod

Vs. 2 – Where is The One was has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the East and have come to Worship Him.

The Wise Men did not come to Jerusalem because of the challenge or adventure of the journey, rather they came to WORSHIP Him, The King of the Jews. The Wise Men had Seen His Star in the East. Thus indicating that these Wise Men / Magi were Astronomers/ Astrologers. The Wise Men were then directed by the Chief Priests and Teachers of the law to Bethlehem. When the Wise Men Found the King of The Jews / The Baby Jesus we are told:

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-Προσκυνεω - To Express by attitude and by position and activity ones Allegiance to and regard for and in this case for Jesus, The God of all Creation. This Greek term also incorporates the idea of to Prostrate oneself in worship, to bow down, to kiss the feet of, to incline the face to the ground."

Are you willing to kiss anyone's feet? Would you be willing to journey to the home of our president or governor to show him honor by kissing his feet?

In the Public Worship Service we receive from God – The Forgiveness of Sins in the Absolution, We hear His Word read and expounded, we receive God's Blessing, In Public Worship we respond to God with hymns and prayers.

Worship is Adoration and respect given to God for the greatest gift we could ever imagine, which we do not deserve. That is the Gift of Salvation Which God Won for us in Christ Jesus. We then have the opportunity to continue our worship of God as we leave the church building and go into the world, serving God and God's people.

We thank God that He has revealed to us salvation in Christ Jesus, The Infant lowly who is God our Savior. We thank God Who went to the Cross of Calvary and Who took our sins upon Himself.

God in Christ Served Us, He Served You. And His Glorious resurrection demonstrates that Christ's Sacrifice was acceptable and complete and so we have Eternal Life in Heaven.

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