

Worth the Journey

Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12

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“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him.” --- Matthew 2:11a

The _____

- _____
- King Herod and all Jerusalem
- The family
- The _____
- King Nebuchadnezzar & _____ (Daniel 2:48)

The _____

The author and his choices

- _____ is writing to the _____ people
- Matthew quotes the Bible carefully
Did: Micah 5:2, Hosea 11:1, Jeremiah 31:15
Didn't: Numbers 24:14-19, Isaiah 60:1-14, Psalm 72
- Matthew omits much that we _____ to know

The _____

- Jesus is conceived/born in Bethlehem
- The star appears
- The magi follow the star to Jerusalem
- The magi begin to inquire where the new king can be found
- The magi have audience with Herod and all Jerusalem is troubled
- Herod summons the Jewish scholars who report on Bethlehem
- Herod meets privately with magi and determines origination date and requests information sharing
- Star reappears over Bethlehem and guides them to Jesus' location
- A prophetic dream warns them not to return to Herod

Matthew the _____ – beginning to end