

**December 31, 2023**

**The Faith of the Wise Men**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**AIM:** To see that when we truly seek Jesus, God will lead us to Him regardless of the circumstances before us.

**KEY VERSE:** “Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

**Matthew 2:2**

**Concepts:**

- 1. Our faith in the word of God will cause us to seek the Lord. (Vs. 1)**
- 2. God brought the birth of Jesus to the attention of Gentiles. (Vs. 2)**
- 3. People in authority will become irritated when their position is threatened. (Vv. 3-5)**
- 4. The birthplace of Jesus was prophesied 700 years earlier in Micah 5:2. (Vs. 6)**
- 5. When we truly seek Jesus, God may use anything, anyone, or any circumstance to lead us to Him. (Vv. 7-8)**
- 6. Joy and worship should be our only response when we encounter the Lord. (Vv. 9-10)**
- 7. In order to fulfill His will, God directs and protects the lives of those who put Him first. (Vv. 11-12)**