

The Priority of Christmas

Matthew 2:1-18

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Introduction: Matthew's Gospel--Jesus the _____

"Where is He who has been born _____ of the Jews?"

Actions reveal _____.

Illustration: container filled with rocks

The actions of the people recorded in Matt. 2:1-18 reveal their _____.

Wise Men (2:1-12)

Saw His star

_____ the King of the Jews

Sensed the need to worship Him (2:2)

Saw the Child (2:11)

Submitted to God's instruction (2:12)

Priority: _____ the Lord to worship Him

Religious Leaders (2:4-6)

Knew the Scriptures

Did _____.

Priority: _____

Exceptions: Simeon & Anna (Luke 2:22-38)

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Herod (2:3-18)

Troubled

Investigated

Furious

_____ all the male children

Priority: Keep his _____

Application:

If your actions were recorded, what would it reveal about your priorities?

Have the small rocks crowded out the big rock?

In view of the incarnation, how should your priorities change?

Doxology

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to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Romans 16:25, 27

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Priority: **Sought** the Lord to worship Him

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Did **nothing**.

Priority: **?**

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