

STARSTRUCK

MATTHEW 2:1-12

I. We honor Jesus by SEEKING Him

(vv 1-2)

II. We honor Jesus by SUBMITTING to His LORDSHIP

(vv 3-8)

III. We honor Jesus by WORSHIPPING Him
SACRIFICIALLY

(vv 9-12)

Further Up, Further In

1. Have you ever seen a (total) solar eclipse or any other celestial phenomena (e.g. planetary conjunctions)? Have you ever travelled to see something like that, or perhaps to see your favorite band or author? How far?
2. What does it look like for us to seek Jesus? In what ways can you seek Jesus more completely? Matthew 22:31, 36-40; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:16; Hebrews 10:25
3. What are the implications of the fact that Jesus was “born king of the Jews?” For Herod? For us? How is it difficult to submit the lordship of Jesus? How is it easy? Ephesians 1:20; John 14:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 3:27-28
4. Read Matthew 2:9-10. Talk about a time where you felt the clear leading of God in your life and how that impacted you. Did it make you trust God more? Follow Him more closely? Worship Him more frequently?
5. Discuss the symbolic significance of the gifts of the Magi. Is there one? If so, what do you believe that it is? Exodus 30:22-25; 34-35; John 19:39; 1 Samuel 16:12-13
6. How can we worship Jesus sacrificially as the Magi did? Romans 12:1
7. **Reflect on the year 2023 and look forward to the year 2024. How do you plan to cultivate Godly habits that honor Jesus in 2024?**

