

let us

Adore

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"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:2 (NKJV)

The Biblical account of the birth of Jesus tells of three wise men who traveled to see Him. Their studies led them to believe that a King was to be born to lead Israel. Some say that they were kings coming to pay homage to another king.

Whether kings, astrologers or some other wise men, they knew about the birth of Jesus.

Three wise men:

- They naturally came to the current king thinking that the child was his
- They came with clear knowledge of the scriptures and heavenly signs
- They came bearing gifts worthy of a king
- They were wise enough to listen to the angel who warned them about Herod

Their sole purpose was to worship Jesus.

Adore:

- The primary definition of *adore* is *worship*
- It also includes: *love, esteem, respect, and admire*

When these three wise men came to Jesus, they wanted to, adore, esteem, respect and admire Him. This was something that one king did when he was subject to a greater king.

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 19:16 (NKJV)

John is very clear in Revelation that Jesus is the ultimate authority. The wise men understood this and were willing to come and worship Him.

Our current world:

- We live in a world where the wrong people generally end up being adored
- Good publicity puts them in the public eye and people begin to follow them
- Doing a few good works and spreading some money around always helps
- Just don't ask people to change their ways; they'll stop loving you if you do

The wise men came to Jesus because there was truly something special about Him.

- There were signs in the heavens

- There were prophecies throughout the ages
- There was the anticipation that something great was coming

If they just wanted to impress a king, they could have given everything to Herod. It's obvious that they wanted to encounter something special. They were looking for a once in a lifetime experience and they invested everything. This is still the case today.

Meeting Jesus:

Meeting Jesus is still a once in a lifetime experience. Everyone from shepherds to kings wanted to get a look at this child.

The songwriter of *Let Us Adore* said:

1. He came for the *unclean and unholy*

- This would be those who were not of the Jewish faith
- Gentiles were considered unclean and unholy
- They never had a covenant with God; they were people *a far off*

But God through His Son Jesus has brought us near so that we can *adore Him* as well.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 3:13 (NKJV)

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2. He came for the broken and unworthy

- There isn't a person anywhere born under the sin nature that's not broken
- No one born after the sin nature was worthy to come before God
- Yet because of Jesus we are mended and made worthy

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

3. He came for the wounded and hurting

When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."

Matthew 9:12 (NKJV)

- If everyone was healthy and whole, there was no need for Jesus to come
- This was not the case though; we were wounded and hurting
- No one was exempt from this; life wounded and hurt us all

Jesus came to change that and only in Him can we be healthy and whole.

4. He came for the lost and lonely

- One of the ugliest feelings you can experience is to be lost and lonely
- People are known to go insane when they are lost
- Loneliness drives people into deep depressions and they don't always recover

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

Matthew 18:11 (NKJV)

5. He came for the outcast and defeated

- Defeated people tend to live on the fringes of society as outcasts
- They are marginalized and very few of them ever overcome this situation
- This is where we were spiritually, but Jesus came to change that

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Romans 8:37 (NKJV)

6. He came for the weary and weakest

- Life has a way of wearing us down and robbing our strength
- The harder we fight against it the weaker and more weary we become
- The world says, "just go with the flow"; they're telling you that it's hopeless

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

For everything that ailed us, Jesus has a remedy. He is truly our all in all and came that we may have a more abundant life.

Not just barely getting by, but prospering in all that we do so that our testimony of His victory over death rings true.

Further defining adore:

We worship Him because He is worth worshipping.

- Be crazy about
- Be passionate about
- Be stuck on

Is this our testimony of the One who came for us? Does He stir this level of passion in us or is He just a religious figure that we recognize?

Jesus is worthy of every ounce of adoration that we can muster.

Adoring Jesus should become as natural as breathing to those who call Him Lord.

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