

Responding to Christ at Christmas – Part 1

Text: Various

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How did people in Jesus' day respond to Christ's birth?

1. The Wise Men _____ (Matt. 2:11)

If you had seen the unusual star that day, would you have been aware of it? Would you have known what it meant? Would you have gone in search of the treasure beneath it, as the Wise Men did? Or have you become so caught up in the things of this world and lost touch with the truths in the Bible that you would have completely missed the signs? The Wise Men were constantly learning, they were looking attentively for the signs of the promised Messiah, and when the sign appeared, they acted!

Our Response to Christ: O come let us adore Him Christ, the Lord. Let us worship the newborn King.

2. The Wise Men Brought _____ (Matt. 2:11)

Do you think the wise men's giving was about the gift or the giving itself? Did Jesus need gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Of course not! The gifts were brought out of love and hearts full of worship.

Our Response to Christ: I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may you receive the honor that you're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to you
I bring an offering to you

3. The Angels Announced the _____ (Luke 2:9-14)

Our Response to Christ: O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

4. The Shepherds Spread the _____ (Luke 2:15-20)

At the Christmas season the first thing on our lips should not be what I am getting from the season, but what am I giving during the season. Giving praise should be at the top of our lists.

Our Response to Christ: Noel, noel, noel, noel! Praise to God on High!