

Questions for Gospel Harmony #10

Matthew 2.1-18

1. What is the meaning of the description “wise men”? Where were they from? How did they know about the birth of Jesus? What did they intend to do when they found Jesus? (Verses 1-2)

2. How did Herod and “all Jerusalem” react to the Wise Men’s inquiry? Why this reaction? How did they determine where the Messiah was to be born? (Verses 3-6)

Special Question: What is the significance of the Prophet specifying that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem “of Judah (Ephrathah)”?

3. Why did Herod inquire of when the star appeared? Where was Jesus when the Wise Men found him? What gifts did the Wise Men give to Jesus upon meeting Him? (Verses 7-12)

4. Where was Joseph instructed to take Jesus? How long did they stay there? Why does Matthew say this trip and return occurred? (Verses 13-15)

5. What did Herod do when he discovered that the Wise Men had mocked him? How did this event “fulfill” the prophecy of Jeremiah? (Verses 16-18)