



# JESUS

LIONMAN *of* JUDAH

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## PART 9: **WISE MEN FROM THE EAST**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

### THE WISE MEN

How **FAR** are you willing to go to **HONOR** Jesus?

### HEROD THE GREAT: "KING OF THE JEWS"

Are you a Christian in **NAME** only?

## MARY & THE CHILD JESUS

When was the last time you just rested in God's **GRACE**?  
Do you rest in Jesus' grace? Or do you still think it's all on you?

# 1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK



## **Open Your Group in Prayer.**

*Use this as a guide, you don't have to answer every question in your group.*

1. Have you ever been somewhere or part of something (a church, your family, a workplace) where the only reason you did certain things was because "that's the way we've always done it"? What was it?

## **Read Matthew 2:1-12.**

2. What all do you learn about the wise men from this passage?
3. How does what you read about differ from what you might have traditionally believed?
4. What else stands out to you about this passage? What other questions do you still have?

*Take some time to discuss each of the questions from the message.*

## **The Wise Men**

5. How far are you willing to go to honor Jesus?
6. The wise men sacrificed a great deal of their time and a great deal of treasure to worship Jesus. What have you sacrificed to follow him?
7. The wise men's gifts were extravagant. What keeps you from giving more?
8. What else did the wise men sacrifice to worship Jesus?

## **Herod**

9. Herod was appointed "King of the Jews" by the Romans, but he had zero faith. He was their king in name only. Are you a Christian in name only?
10. What's the difference between someone who is truly a Christian and someone who is a "Christian" in name only?
11. **Read Acts 2:21-41.** How did Jesus' disciples understand what it meant to be a Christian?
12. Read 1 John 5:13. Do you *know* that you have eternal life? Beyond a shadow of a doubt? Why or why not?

## **Mary**

13. When was the last time you just rested in God's grace?
14. How would Mary have experienced God's grace in this moment?
15. How might she have been feeling discouraged up until this point?
16. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What's the difference between grace and works (law)? What is the end result of each?

# 6:7 family questions

## Read Matthew 2:1-12

This is one of the most familiar stories in the Bible. After Jesus was born, the wise men followed the star to find him. They were looking for Jesus for one purpose; to worship him. The wise men worshiped Jesus by giving him gifts out of their treasures.

We can also worship Jesus by giving him gifts. We can give to him with our time, our talents, and our treasure.

**How can you and your family give your *time* to Jesus?**

**... your *talents*?**

**... your *treasure*?**

*Pray together as a family. Spend time worshiping Jesus by telling him how great he is and how much he means to you.*

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*These simple questions are designed to help you live out the command in Deuteronomy 6:7 to teach our kids and make God's Word a natural topic of conversation in our homes. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, or whoever you find your family together with a few moments to spare.*

## PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2014

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.*

*Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

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