

Biblical Literature II—New Testament

Lesson 1.6 “Wise Men Worship the Christ Child”

Name:

Hour:

1. Click on the pictures or links and see how the Wise Men are portrayed:

a. Wise Men Take One

<http://youtu.be/WIjBO26qjYM>

b. Wise Men Take Two

- 1) http://youtu.be/-IS58VSKB_k
- 2) What was the name of the “Fourth Wiseman”?
- 3) What does this fellow Wiseman want to do?
- 4) What are the three jewels he takes on the trip?
- 5) How expensive were these jewels?
- 6) What happened when Artaban stopped to help the dying man?
- 7) Why did Artaban give up his Sapphire?
- 8) Why did Artaban give up his Ruby?
- 9) What does Artaban do for the next thirty-three years?
- 10) Why did Artaban give up his Pearl?
- 11) Who does Artaban meet as he is dying?
- 12) How does Jesus explain that Artaban had indeed given the jewels to Him?

13) Who had the “Other Wise Man” found?

c. Wise Men Take Three—The Real Story

http://youtu.be/gzIESPA_-Uw

2. Just what is “[fact andfiction](#)” about the Wise Men from the East? Click on the link and answer the questions.

- a. From where might these Wise Men have come?
- b. How many Wise Men came to find the “King of the Jews”?
- c. What might have been their educational background?
- d. What did the Wise Men know about the “star of Christmas”?
- e. What was King Herod’s concern about this child that the Wise Men sought?
- f. Where did the Wise Men find Jesus and his parents living in Bethlehem?
- g. How old may Jesus have been by this time?
- h. Explain the significance of the gifts that the Wise Men brought Jesus.

3. Letting the Word speak for itself:

- a. Go and look up [Matthew 2:1-2](#).
 - 1) Why did the Magi travel to Israel?

- 2) Since they were looking for the King of the Jews, they naturally came first to Jerusalem, the capital. As they asked about the child, how did they refer to him?
 - 3) These men knew the promises and prophecies about this child. Why did they travel so far to find him?
- b. Go and look up [Matthew 2:9-12](#).
- 1) After speaking to Herod, how did the wise men find baby Jesus?
 - 2) Why were they overjoyed to see the star?
 - 3) When they found the Christ Child at a house, some weeks or months after he was born, what was their response?
 - 4) What gifts did they give to Jesus?
 - 5) Herod had asked the Magi to report back to him when they had found the Christ Child. Why didn't they obey him?
 - 6) How did the Magi avoid Herod?