

THE MAGI

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Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

- Introduction
 - Yellowstone
 - Santa Claus
 - Why does Santa go down the chimney?
 - What is the native language of Santa?
 - What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?
 - What Martial Arts skills does Santa have?
 - Why does Santa put a clock on his sleigh?

- The Journey of the Magi
 - Genesis 15:5, *"And He brought him outside and said, Look now toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your seed be."*
 - Psalms 147:4, *"He appoints the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names."*
 - Luke 21:25, *"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars. And on the earth will be anxiety of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring."*
 - Daniel 4:9, *"Belshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you."*
 - Numbers 24:17, *"A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel."*

- The Journey is one of FAITH
 - Matthew 2:2, *"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."*
 - Hebrews 11:6 (MSG), *"It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him."*
 - Matthew 28:19, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- The Journey is one of WORSHIP
 - Worship always involves SACRIFICE

- 2 Samuel 24:24, *"I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."*
- Romans 12:1, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*
 - Let us give our best to the Lord each week.
 - Sacrificing to the Lord means obedience to His commandments.
 - Sacrifice means putting God's purposes ahead of your own.
- The Journey is one of CHANGE
 - Matthew 2:12, *"Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way."*
 - Isaiah 6:5, (NKJV) *"Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."*
 - Job 40:4-5, (MSG) *"I'm speechless, in awe words fail me. I should never have opened my mouth! I've talked too much, way too much. I'm ready to shut up and listen."*