



**WOULD YOU?
Part 3 “Would You Seek Him?”
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“Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. When Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ‘Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, as were all the people in Jerusalem. Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, ‘In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this in the Scriptures:

‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not just an insignificant village in Judah. A ruler will come from you who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.’ —

Micah 5:2 *Then Herod had a secret meeting with the wise men and learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. He sent the wise men to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Look carefully for the child. When you find him, come tell me so I can worship him too.’ After the wise men heard the king, they left. The star that they had seen in the east went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. They came to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their gifts and gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod, so they returned to their own country by a different way.”*

Matthew 2:1-12 (NCV)

TO TRULY ENCOUNTER CHRIST, EVERY SEEKER HAS TO...

1. ...WALK THE LONG ROAD OF FAITH

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Matthew 2:1-2 (NCV)

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

2. ...PAY THE HIGH PRICE OF WORSHIP

“Araunah looked and saw King David and his officers coming to him. Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground. He said, ‘Why has my lord and king come to me?’ David answered, ‘I came to buy the threshing floor from you. Then I can build an altar to the LORD. Then the disease will stop.’ Araunah said to David, ‘My lord and king, you can take anything you want for a sacrifice. Here are some oxen for the burnt offering, and the threshing boards and the yokes for the wood. O King, I give everything to you!’ Araunah also said to the king, ‘May the LORD your God be pleased with you.’ But the king said to Araunah, ‘No! I must pay you for everything. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.’ So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for 50 shekels of silver.”

2 Samuel 20:20-24 (ERV)

“So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.”

Romans 12:1 (GNT)

3. ...MAKE THE CRUCIAL CHOICE OF LIFE CHANGE

“They opened their gifts and gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod, so they returned to their own country by a different way.”

Matthew 2:11-12 (NCV)

“Then the man said, ‘Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’ ‘What is your name?’ the man asked. He replied, ‘Jacob.’ ‘Your name will no longer be Jacob,’ the man told him. ‘From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won.’”

Genesis 32:26-28 (NLT)