

MATTHEW 2:2

WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?

Question:

175 **QUOTATION QUESTION.** When the Wise Men came seeking Jesus, what question did they ask?

Matthew 2:2 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (NLT)

King James Version:

Where is he that is born King of the Jews?

New International Version:

Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?

The Message:

Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews?

The Voice:

Where is this newborn, who is the King of the Jews?

Definitions & Synonyms

Wise Men: also called magi and king. They were men of knowledge, power and wealth.

Seeking: searching, looking for, exploring

Newborn: baby, child, tot, kid

King: ruler, majesty, guy in charge

Jews: people born of the lineage of Israel (Jacob son of Isaac, son of Abraham)

Story (Matthew 2:1-12)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ²“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

³ King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴ He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”

⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶ ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸ Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”

⁹ After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The wise men came to worship the newborn king of the Jews. Not at the stable but at a house where Joseph and Mary lived after the birth. There is no mention in scripture how many wise men, just three types of gifts. The Bible does not say what was special about the star they followed but only a star is what led them to the house. The wise men recognized that God had chosen a new king for the Jewish people and Jesus was that king.