

Searching for Christmas  
Walk the Way of the Wise Men  
Matthew 2:1-6

The fact that the early Church Fathers included Advent as a significant time on the church calendar indicates that Christmas is more of a journey than a moment. Unfortunately, for too many people, the journey consists of balancing schedules, programs, money, shopping, decorating, trees and a variety of other things that side track our journey.

1. Wise men seek the \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. They were \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. They were \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. They were \_\_\_\_\_
2. Wise men see the \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. The sign of God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. The sign of God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. The sign of God's \_\_\_\_\_
3. Wise men search the \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Micah names a \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Micah predicts a \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Micah expects a \_\_\_\_\_

There are moments of discovery that demand response. When you find the King, what will you do? Once you have submitted yourself to Him, what will your journey look like? The journey of faith does not end this side of heaven. The Magi moved on with their newfound knowledge of the Savior. It changes the course of their lives. Will it change yours?

Reflection

How will we make the Gospel a priority this Christmas? Will we be content to simply say the cliché, Jesus is the reason for the season? Will we be obnoxiously rude to those who say Happy Holidays instead of Merry Christmas? Or will we demonstrate with our lives that we really believe Jesus is what Christmas is all about?