



A SEASON OF WONDER
THE WONDER OF IT ALL
Matthew 2:1-12

I. The visit of the Magi leads to wonder at God's LOVE for the WHOLE world.

[Jesus] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2, NIV)

II. The visit of the Magi leads to wonder at God's FAITHFULNESS in keeping his PROMISES.

"...The Lord your God ... is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations (Deut. 7:9, NIV)

III. The visit of the Magi leads to wonder at God's RULE over .all CREATION.

Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth Nothing is too hard for you. (Jeremiah 32:17, NIV)

IV. The visit of the Magi leads to wonder at God's GRACE in sending a SAVIOR.

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4–5, NIV)

SUMMARY: The wonder of it all is that in Jesus, God himself has come to REDEEM and to BE WITH his people!

What will you do to make all year a season of wonder?

***"We exist to glorify God
by enabling all people
to become fully-devoted followers of
the Lord Jesus Christ."***

Sermon Based Study Guide

Getting Started (*Pick one of the following and share your answer with your group.*)

1. What was the longest vacation trip you took as a child? What do you remember most about that experience?
2. What “natural wonder” (Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Old Faithful, Niagara Falls, etc.) have you visited? How did you react to it?
3. What are your thoughts when you wake up on the *first* day of a vacation? How about the *last* day of a vacation?

Digging Deeper

4. Read **Matthew 2:1-12**. How would you describe the actions/ reactions of the four principal “characters” in **vs. 1-4**?
 - a. The Magi —
 - b. King Herod —
 - c. People of Jerusalem —
 - d. Chief priests and teachers of the law —
5. What light does **John 3:19-21** shed on each of their actions?

