

# SERMON NOTES

*The Christmas Treasure*  
*Matthew 2:1-8*

**Key thought:** The treasure of Christmas is a person.

The story is filled with drama and intrigue: Magi, a star, an earthly king, a disinterested people, gifts, angels, shepherds, and so much more. However, everything ultimately is about a child.

“For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” *Luke 2:11*

Reading from Luke 2 and Matthew 2 provides an incredible storyline of the events that occurred after the birth of Jesus. Today we begin a series of messages from Matthew 2 that provides unique insight and reminds us **The Treasure of Christmas Is A Person!** As we begin our study, we learn that the magi were focused on meeting the Messiah, Jesus, who is the Christ. **As you celebrate Christmas (the birth of Jesus), be sure your primary focus is to encounter Jesus, who is the Christ.**

## Observations and Considerations:

### 1. There are those for whom meeting Jesus is of primary importance. (v. 2)

- a. The purpose of their journey was to meet Him.
- b. The priority of their journey was to meet Him.
- c. The pathway for their journey was God given.

### 2. There are those for whom Jesus is a problem. (v. 3)

- a. The birth of Jesus challenges our self-rule.

Herod treasured power, position, and possessions – he feared that the “new” king was a rival for the things that he “treasured” the most.

- b. The birth of Jesus challenges the status quo.

The Jewish leaders and people received the news of Jesus’ birth as a rival to the status quo. They were content with religion and ritual. Jesus came for true righteousness and relationships.

**Take away:** As you seek to make Jesus your priority this Christmas, let these prayers of confession stir your heart to a great passion and pursuit of Christ.

- Lord, more than anything, I want to encounter You this Christmas.
- Lord, more than anything, I want to give You highest priority in my life.
- Lord, more than anything, I want to follow the path that leads me to encounter You.