

**Series: Christmas 2011**

**Sermon: The Magi's Pursuit**

**Bible Verses: Matthew 1:22-2:18**

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There are all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ to finding God.

Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_; he removed the obstacle of the \_\_\_\_\_ between man and God.

Unlike other religions and beliefs, our God was literally \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The magi who came to visit Jesus were extremely \_\_\_\_\_, and probably \_\_\_\_\_.

The magi may have known it was nearly time for \_\_\_\_\_.

**The magi may have traveled for \_\_\_\_\_ to find Jesus!**

They had to \_\_\_\_\_ and follow an astronomical sign to find Jesus!

King Herod was seriously \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard about Jesus.

**OUR RESPONSES TO JESUS:**

**1) I can acknowledge his existence and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, like the magi (no matter the obstacles)**

**2) I can be \_\_\_\_\_ by his existence, like Herod**

Paraphrase

When the Magi saw the star above Jesus they were cheerfully, \_\_\_\_\_, and really really really exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_ that moment!!

**The magi worshiped Jesus (worship is only for \_\_\_\_\_).**

These wise and powerful magi offer gifts of \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.