

Sunday School Lesson for the Month of December 2018

Where is He?

(Matthew 2:1-12)

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Perhaps no part of the Christmas story has a greater appeal to us than that of the wise men mentioned in Matthew's gospel. Who were they? Where did they get the information they had about the promised Messiah of the Jews? What was their Country, their Nationality? How many of them were there?

But far more important than any of these is the question they asked when they came to Jerusalem: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him" (Matt. 2:2). Where is He? Our attitude toward and our answer to that question makes all the difference in the world in our lives this Christmas season.

I. This question may be asked in the spirit of the enemy who seeks to destroy.

"Where is He?" Herod asked. He wanted to know, and he was exact, diligent, and thorough in his efforts to find an answer, for his motive was murder. He inquired privately of the Magi, not because he cared anything about prophecies of where or when or how the Christ was to be born, but because he saw the possibility of a rival for his throne and wanted to eliminate Him. Jesus' Kingdom was not of this world and He was really no rival at all. But in the truest, highest sense, Christ is against Herod and all his kind and all he stands for.

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II. This question may be asked in the spirit of the unbeliever.

This is the person who ridicules the idea of a Christ born in Bethlehem. The scoffers were no doubt present when the Shepherds reported what they had seen and heard. From time to time during Jesus' earthly ministry, they circled Him to taunt Him. Some despised Him, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy that He would be "despised and rejected of men" (53:3). When He was on the cross, some scoffed, saying, "if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross" (Matt. 27:40).

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III. This question may be asked in the spirit of those who sneer and ridicule the things of Christ.

“In the midst of all this pagan holiday you call Christmas,” they ask, “where is He? Where is the Christ in your Christmas celebration? The holly and the mistletoe, the colored lights on your streets, the decorated windows and counters of your department stores, your secular songs about reindeer and Santa Claus, all of the commercialism – all of these we see, but where is He? Where is Jesus in all of this?”

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IV. This question may be asked in the spirit of the believer.

This person who seeks, who follows on until he or she finds the Magi had a spirit that believed yet inquired. So strong was their faith that the Christ had been born that they followed the only clue they had – the star! They showed their faith not only by starting on a difficult journey but also by their diligent inquiry in Jerusalem and by continuing on to Bethlehem when they learned the way. Their faith was abundantly rewarded. “Where is He?” They asked. They sought, they found, they fell down and worshipped Him: and for them, life was never the same.

Let any person ask in sincere faith, “where is He?” And then let that person seek wholeheartedly with all the light available, and that person will find the Christ.

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Seizing Our Opportunities

(Ephesians 5:15-16)

Paul is calling upon the disciples of Jesus Christ in the city of Ephesus to walk in a manner worthy of their calling. He is urging them that they walk differently from the pagan world around them. In the words of our text, he urges upon them and upon us that we walk with wisdom, seizing every opportunity that we have to render service to God and to others. As we enter into a New Year, be careful how we walk.

I. Time Is Loaned To Us To Be Used In God's Service.

- A. Time is very precious.
- B. Time is passing swiftly.
- C. Time is very uncertain.
- D. Time – once gone, cannot be recalled.
- E. Time is something for which we are accountable.

II. Make Good Use Of Time.

- A. Yesterday cannot be recalled.
- B. Tomorrow cannot be assured.
- C. Only Today is ours.
- D. If we procrastinate, we lose the present.
- E. Someone has said, “one today is worth two tomorrows.”

It is a good time for you to do what the Lord is leading you to do NOW!