

# How Many Magi Came to See Jesus?

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Although the popular Christmas hymn and traditions tell us that three wise men visited Christ, the Bible does not give us the number of wise men. Matthew wrote the following concerning the magi's visit:

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell

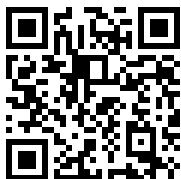
down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:9-11)

The traditional view that three wise men journeyed to see Christ is likely based on the fact that three gifts were given. However, since the Bible does not tell us the number of magi, we can only speculate. We know there were at least two magi, and there may have been many more.

## Events

Today  
Communion PM Service  
12/13 Samaritan's Purse trip  
to Keys Presentation  
12/17 Christmas Music  
Program PM service  
12/20 Men's/Women's  
Prayer &  
Youth Prayer 7:15 PM

## Give



## Upcoming Events



## Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

## Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy



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December 10, 2017

# Morning Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Nick Gaines  
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love, and sing, and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the Conqueror's crown,  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!"

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## Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer Offertory Preparatory

Matthew 26:36-56, page 832  
#181 O Dearest Jesus  
How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.  
(repeat)**

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## Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

# Evening Worship

## Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Andy Dunkerton  
And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace,  
humbled Himself so great His love, and bled for all His chosen race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O my God, it found out me.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amen

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## Scripture Reading Pastoral Prayer

1 John 3:10-18, page 1022

**Offertory/Preparatory    Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior**  
Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art smiling, do not pass me by.  
**(Refrain) Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. **(Refrain)**

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. **(Refrain)**

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? **(Refrain)**

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## Sermon Communion

Pastor Stu Johnston  
Pastor Andy Dunkerton  
Come All Ye Pining

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown  
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace in thy beloved Son

**(Chorus) Come, all ye pining, hungry poor the Saviour's bounty taste  
Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest**

O wondrous gifts of love divine dear Source of every good  
Jesus, in thee what glories shine how rich thy flowing blood  
**(Chorus)**

Here shall your numerous wants receive, a free, a full supply  
He has unmeasured bliss to give and joys that never die  
**(Chorus)**

**Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest**

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**#186 When I Survey  
#175 Man of Sorrows**