Christmas 2024

"Journey to Christmas, Part 2"

INTRO: Many people worldwide celebrate Christmas, even as they miss out on the true significance of the day. A **journey** back to full and complete appreciation of Christmas is a journey which we will continue undertaking today as we look at the Magi (a.k.a. The Wise Men).

| I. | The | e journeyed a great distance to celebrate | |
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| | | (Matthew 2:1-2). In addition to the | |
| | Mag | i, the "star" of this drama was the actual "Star of Bethlehem" | |
| | whic | h has become an enigma challenging the understanding of | |
| | milli | ons who celebrate Christmas. | |
| II. | Ma | ny people get side-tracked by cultural | |
| | on 1 | their "journey" to Christmas (Matthew 2:3-10). | |
| | | As harmless as some might be, holiday festivities can help us lose our | |
| | | s for Christmas. | |
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| III. | To reach "Christmas," the "journey" requires a | | |
| | foc | us on Jesus' as the promised | |
| | (Ma | atthew 2:11-12). This is the second step on our "journey." | |
| | A. | is our greatest gift to the Christ of | |
| | | Christmas. The Magi brought gifts fit for a King, but which | |
| | | also acknowledged His sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2). | |
| | В. | The light that guides our way is | |
| | | The Bible ensures that the Christ we seek to worship is the one | |
| | | described by the Holy Spirit (Psalm 119:105). | |
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