

## Mix Faith with the Truth!

The Lord Jesus was not born in obscurity. That night in Bethlehem was proclaimed throughout the night sky. The shepherds declared that the skies shown brighter than the day! The brightness was such and the glory of the message caused the shepherds to proclaim the angel's words: "*Messiah and Savior both have come! And they are One!*" Their report went throughout Judea and beyond. The priests from Jerusalem sent scribes to find out what had happened. Letters were sent to the Sanhedrin informing them of the child's birth, supposedly born of a virgin. Within a matter of days everyone had heard the reports. Messiah was destined to reign over the entire world. The heathen would be His inheritance. The uttermost parts of the earth would be His possession. And He would break with a rod of iron the rule of Rome and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel! Can this Child be the One? And how can He be Savior as well?

Even in distant lands the spectacle of the skies had been observed. In the East an ancient and constant opinion prevailed that there should issue from Judea a Savior and world leader. His dominion would be worldwide and His rulership would last forever. This unprecedented pandemonium in the heavens was seen by all. Has the King of all kings been born? They were convinced! With only the sign of the heavens they knew He had been born! To this future, all-powerful world ruler, they must give allegiance, obeisance, and reverent homage NOW!

By the time the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, perhaps 2 years later, it had already become a proverb with the children of Bethlehem and Jerusalem that the Jews had a new king, that neither Caesar nor Herod would reign any more, that they would have to pay no more taxes!

Things haven't changed much over time. He got everyone's attention! He is the Word! But most did not mix faith with the truth. They were more interested in not paying taxes than receiving salvation! Their expectations caused most to miss it even though He was in their very midst! Don't let expectations cause you to miss His coming right now! Will you receive Him?

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