

CLARITY FOR CHRISTMAS

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Two features of Matthew 2:1-12 offer much needed clarity for the Christmas season.

- I. The worthiness of Jesus
 - A. Proven by the timing of the magi's arrival

 - B. Proven by his title in the magi's question

 - C. Proven by the intention of the magi's journey

 - D. Proven by the effect of the magi's announcement

 - E. Proven by the costliness of the magi's search
 1. Study

 2. Time

 3. Resources

F. Proven by the details of Micah's prophecy

1. The city of his birth
2. The submission of his will
3. The authority of his role
4. The placement of his throne
5. The beginning of his commissionings

II. The depravity of man

A. Exhibited by the Jews

1. In their clarity
2. In their apathy

B. Exhibited by the Gentiles

1. In Herod's hypocrisy
2. In Herod's bloodthirstiness