

A Few Fun Christmas Facts

Teague Bible Church

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Matthew 2- The wise men narrative- happened at least 3 months and up to two years later. They traveled 900 miles - Ezra 7:9/ 8:31. When I set the Nativity scene, I put the wise men as far away from the manger scene as possible, and let the kids know that the wise men visited Jesus when He was a toddler, and not at the manger when Jesus was born, but later, at a house. (I still get that look that says, "Really; this is life-shaking information?")

Nowhere does it say there were 3 wise men; It could have been 50. They traveled in caravan most of the time for a large event, or trading goods. Unlikely only three took such a dangerous trip. We assume three because there were three gifts. (Are we bored yet?)

Nowhere does it say they were kings. Nowhere does it say they were from the Far East (Orient.) They were from the (near) "East," that would be Persia, i.e., (Iraq and Afghanistan.) Daniel's prophecies, given when he lived in this area, in the 600's B.C., would be well- noted by the wise men. They were religiously trained men, not kings.

Were they named Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar? **NO.** Although I assume they were friendly.

Was one a black man? **NO.**

Did they follow a comet, or a star to the location in Bethlehem? **NO.** It was the supernatural light called the Shekinah Glory. No natural star could lead to such an exact, small location. Bethlehem had only about 1000 people at this time.

Best thing we can do for our family this Christmas? **Be at peace!** (**Luke 2:14/ John 14:27**). **Spend some time alone with the Lord**, after you have done all the preparations, and **before** they step into your house, or you step into their house.

Question: How often have you exhausted yourself in preparations for Christmas only to then be grumpy, or tired, or both, the whole event?

Men need to help more until all the work is done! Women need to stop being so picky and irritable while it is being done. (Hum; not an "Amen" from either quarter? I better stop meddling!)

Question: **Do we walk daily in the peace the angels were talking about?**

Best gift you can give your family this year is something they will "catch" from you, and from me.

Be contagious! God bless you my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. JWP