

**FORECLOSURE – PART 4**  
**“The Wise Men’s Story”**  
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**SHARPEN THE POINT**

*For further study of today’s message*

**Matthew 2:1-12**

They knew...Numbers 24:17, I Chronicles 28:9b, Daniel 9

Good or bad, expectations magnify our experience!

The experience of the Wise Men:

1. They bowed in devotion!  
  
Gold for... the King.  
Frankincense for... God.  
Myrrh for... the Sacrifice.
2. They brought their best!
3. They changed direction!

**BIG IDEA:**

When you follow a star and find a shack, humbly worship Jesus!

**ENTRY POINT:** “Expect” – (a) to look forward to the probable occurrence; (b) to consider likely or certain; (c) to consider reasonable or due; (d) to consider obligatory, require. Synonyms – anticipate, hope, await. **Where do you expect to find Jesus?**

*The Wise men looked forward to the birth of Jesus because it had been prophesized (Numbers 24:15-17). But they expected to find Him in Jerusalem, the City of Kings. In what unexpected circumstances have you found Jesus?*

The world tells us that if we do “this,” we can expect “that.” When your hard work has not resulted in the promotion; when the diet has not resulted in the weight loss; when loving someone has not produced the changes you expected, how have you felt and reacted? When has disappointment or discouragement affected how you continue to seek and worship Jesus?

What do your *best* gifts look like as you bring them to honor the Lord? What might you give Him that you have not? Why?

Has God ever told you to change direction? Or changed it for you? In what way, and what did you experience or learn?

*“Let all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in You;  
let those who love your salvation  
continually say,  
‘The Lord is great!’*

Psalm 40:16