

A small, decorated Christmas tree in a white planter sits on a surface. The tree is adorned with red, blue, and gold ornaments and a red bow. A sign with the words "Now What?" written in red cursive is placed to the right of the tree. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

After Christmas Syndrome

Now

What?

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

*⁶ ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”^[b]”*

Matthew 2:1-12

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:1-12

The account of the Wise Men, or the Magi.

Who were these Magi?

There are **two things** the Magi did that we can do all throughout the year:

1. We can seek Christ throughout the year (2:1, 2)

A. When we genuinely seek Christ, it will require some things of us.

B. When we genuinely seek Christ, we will find Him

C. When we genuinely seek Christ, we will be richly blessed

We can seek Christ throughout the year (2:1, 2)

How do we seek Him? Here are a few things we can do.

- Pray
- Spend time daily in God's Word
- Maintain a daily quiet time
- Attend church regularly

2. We can worship Christ throughout the year (2:11).

A. We make Him the focus of our worship as the Magi did when they immediately focused on the Christ child.

B. We submit our life to Him as the Magi did when they bowed before Christ.

C. We give our all to Him as the Magi did when they gave their expensive gifts to Christ.

Conclusion: What do we do now that Christmas is over?

We seek and worship Christ.

We worship Him year-round.

We seek Him every day!