

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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***...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**19.06.16**

**Theme: The Visit of the Wise Men**

**Memory verse:** *Matthew chapter two verse one: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem".*

**Texts: Matthew 2: 1-23.**

Our lesson today introduces us to the impartiality of God in revealing Himself to different types of people from different backgrounds and from different nations. God allowed the birth of the Saviour to be super naturally revealed to gentile seekers as well as Jewish shepherds in the night. In this way "every mouth may be stopped and the entire world may become guilty before God" (Romans 3: 19).

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the city of David at a time when a wicked King, Harold the great ruled over Judea. Whereas most men in Judea were ignorant of the birth of the Saviour, but strangers from far away Mesopotamia came with a full knowledge of the Saviour's birth. Here is one of those instances when the world's wise men could discern the sign of the times but the supposed religious leaders could not.

These men that came to visit Jesus were referred to as wise men. They manifested wisdom by seeking the Lord, but rather than going straight to Bethlehem they went to Jerusalem and inquire of Herod. Here they applied earthly wisdom and confirmed that wise men are not always wise except the wisdom be from God. They must have reasoned that kings are born in a palace. The purpose of the wise men's visit was to worship the new born King. They were not mere curious and selfish seekers but men of purpose. Therefore, they left other things and took great pains to seek the Saviour. If only men could be earnest today in seeking the Lord, how soon they will find Him! Be wise and seek Jesus!!!!