

THEN YOU FOLLOW THEN YOU FOLLOW STAMM

MATTHEW 2:1-12



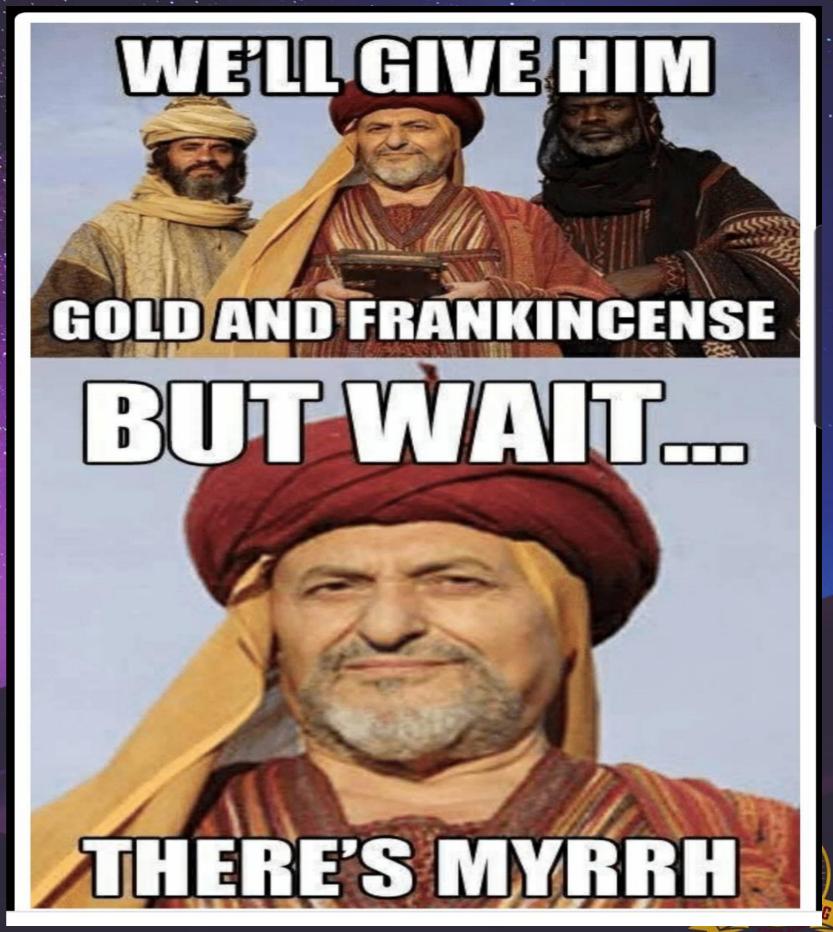


DON'T TAKE STUFF SO SERIOUSLY, REMEMBER...



Right, we've picked up the gold and the myrrh...what on earth is THAT?!





Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

Matthew 2:1 (ESV)



saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2 (ESV)



When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matthew 2:3-4 (ESV)



They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Matthew 2:5-6 (ESV)



Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

Matthew 2:7 (ESV)



And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

Matthew 2:8 (ESV)



After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9 (ESV)



When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-11 (ESV)



And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Matthew 2:12 (ESV)



GOD MOVED HEAVEN AND EARTH TO ENTER OUR WORLD



And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)



SEEK THE STAR WHERE YOU ARE; IT WILL LEAD YOU TO THE KING



The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

Psalm 14:2 (ESV)



You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord...

Jeremiah 29:13-14 (ESV)



DON'T SETTLE FOR THE STAR; FOLLOW IT TO THE KING



"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV)



One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:4 (ESV)



ONCE YOU'VE ARRIVED, WORSHIP THE KING WITH THE BEST THAT YOU HAVE.



WHO IS YOUR STAR?



YOU ARE CALLED TO BE A STAR!



Give me Scotland or I die.

John Knox



Lord, open the King of England's eye. William Tyndale



