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Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Three attitudes people embrace today toward Christ:

- 1. Like _____ many are _____ to the story. There are many today who reject Christ and they reject Him for the same reasons:

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2. Like the _____ and _____ many are _____ to the story.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 2 Timothy 4:3-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

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3. Like the _____ some _____ the story, _____ and they _____ Him.

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a. The magi had a _____ faith.

The magi had much less knowledge of the truth and the true God than the religious leaders.

b. The magi had a _____ faith.

Despite their education, success and affluence, they knew there had to be more to life.

c. The magi had a _____ faith.

They refused to give up their journey until they found the answers to their questions.

d. The magi had a _____ faith.

They brought what they had and gave it to Him in an act of Worship.