

Keep Calm and Carry On
Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon Notes – Sunday Jan. 10, 2021

Throughout our series, Jesus the Reason for the Season, we have discovered that from the beginning Jesus is and always has been the central reality of God's plan for the ages. In Matthew 2:1-12 we arrive at our final destination in our journey of tracking the unfolding revelation of Jesus from the Garden of Eden through to his incarnation.

The question we will seek answer today as we look at the Magi's experience is, how do we 'keep calm and carry on' in the midst of bad times?

Hurdles/obstacles the Magi faced on their journey:

- The hurdle of _____ and the _____
- The hurdle of _____
- The hurdle of _____
- The hurdle of _____

Three insights from the Magi's journey we can apply to help us 'keep calm and carry on.'

1. They _____ on the _____ of _____ Vs. 2

- How did the Magi/wise men know what they did about Jesus when they saw his star rise in the east?

- Their ancestors were influenced by the prophet _____

-They were familiar with one of their founders (_____) prophecy, Numbers 24:17

-Their reliance on the word of God was evident by their _____ to it

-Warning:

What am I relying on to 'keep calm and carry on' in the midst of challenging times?

2. They displayed _____ on their journey

-Even though they were unaware of their _____ vs. 1-2

-Even though they may have felt _____ vs. 9-10

Trusting God is: _____ in action! (Ps. 112:6, 7 Isa. 26:3, 4)

Do my actions display a steadfast trust in God, in the midst of uncertain times?

3. They had one _____ vs. 2, 11

-To _____ Jesus and _____ Him

John Piper, "God wields the universe to make his Son known and worshiped."

-How did they find him? They were _____ to Him by _____ (Jn. 6:44)

-In the midst of bad times we can experience _____ if we act on the desire to daily _____ with Jesus and _____ Him (Ps. 105:3, 4)

What has my response to bad times revealed about my desires?