

## ***Sermon Title: "O HOLY NIGHT"***

**Date: December 24, 2023 - Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 1:35**

**Central Idea:** Christ will be found and worshipped by all who seek Him. Have you sought and found Jesus, and are you worshipping Him?

**Introduction:** There's nothing better than hearing an old-fashioned Christmas song right around the holidays. One of those classic hymns is "O Holy Night." It brings up such great memories and thoughts of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It was truly a glorious night when Jesus was born! The angels rejoiced and the whole world received their King. God offered us eternal salvation when He sent His Son to die for our sins.

The first impressive fact in the reading of today's scriptures is that the Creator and Sovereign of all things became a helpless babe. When we consider what the scripture says, singing praises is indeed a fitting reaction to the birth of Jesus. In fact, worship, praise, surrender, and the sacrificial offering of our lives are the only proper responses to the coming of our Savior.

### **The experience of the Magi suggests the following Christmas message:**

#### **I. They Worshipped in Light of the Star, vv. 2, 9-10.**

- 1. The question they asked, v. 2.**
- 2. The guidance they experience, vv. 9-10.**

#### **II. They Worshipped in Light of the Scripture, vv. 3-8.**

- 1. The alarm they incite, v. 3.**
- 2. The meetings they bring, vv. 4-8.**

#### **III. They Worshipped in the Presence of the Savior, v. 11.**

**Conclusion:** Gabriel was careful to point out that the Baby was to be a "holy thing" and would not share the sinful nature of man. Jesus knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21); He did no sin (1 Peter 2:22); and He had no sin (1 John 3:5). His body was prepared for Him by the Spirit of God (Hebrews 10:5)

who "overshadowed" Mary. The word *overshadowed* is applied to the presence of God in the Holy of Holies in the Jewish tabernacle and temple (Exodus 40:35). Mary's womb became a Holy of Holies for the Son of God!