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## LIVING THE HERO'S JOURNEY

*Matthew 2:1-12, 16*

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**Introduction:** When you consider the greatest journeys of all time, the journey of the Magi in Matthew 2 certainly ranks among the top ten. Their journey was a journey to discover and then worship the Messiah. But it was dangerous: dangerous politically, dangerous spiritually, risky financially. They did it for one reason. They were seeking the one born the King of the Jews with intent to revere him. Their journey is a lot like our journey. Our life-journey is a journey of seeking, and the focal point of our search is Jesus. The story of the Magi in Matthew 2:1-12 describes how our journey is supposed to work.

1. **When you *are* desperate for truth, you'll do anything to seek it.**

*Matthew 2:1-2*

2. **When you *are not* desperate, you'll avoid seeking God at all costs.**

*Matthew 2:3-8, 16*

3. **What about us? The Magi are our paradigm for successful seeking.**

*Matthew 2:9-12*

4. **Idea**

5. **Takeaways**