



Reflect: In 1988, Devon Harris, Dudley Stokes, Michael White and Samuel Clayton traveled 5000km for what seemed like a foolish exercise....

These men were part of the first Jamaican bobsled team, which debuted at the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta Canada. Many thought it was a joke and you can understand why.

How could a winter sports team come from the Caribbean, let alone a team that had very little practice on a bobsled run and that owned no sleds! People will do almost anything for Olympic glory and for this we could excuse them their foolishness.

At Christmas time we are reminded of another group of men who travelled a long distance. They followed a star in search of a baby they didn't know, who was born in a small country town in the middle of nowhere.

And when they found this baby we are told in the Bible that 'they fell down and worshipped Him' (Matthew 2:11) giving him expensive gifts that they brought with them.

Now this sounds like a pretty foolish exercise for a group of so-called "wise men". But the baby these men came to see was no ordinary baby.

This was Jesus Christ. The King that God had promised to send hundreds of years before. The great ruler of the world who came to bring justice and peace on the earth. You wouldn't imagine this from his rather ordinary beginnings.

But Jesus was no ordinary king. Jesus came "not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) Jesus came to die to set us free from foolishly seeking our own glory so that we might have eternal glory with him. He is the King who deserves to be worshipped for ever. And so these men worshipped him.

It's why these 'wise men' were called wise. Will you be wise?

Prayer: Dear God, please help me to be wise and worship your son Jesus as my King. Amen

Bible verse: "...and they fell down and worshipped Him" (Matthew 2:11)