Dec 22

THE CAST OF CHRISTMAS

Magi: Adoration & Worship "A season of expectation & celebration"

- I. <u>Stealing</u> the season
 - A. A battle we must <u>fight</u>
 - B. It is contrary to His purpose in coming
 - C. John 1:1,14; I John 4:8
- II. The Wise Men
 - A. Matthew 2:1-12
 - B. A proper response: worship
- III. The Chief Priests & Scribes
 - A. Matthew 2:4,5
 - B. A sad response: <u>apathy</u>
- IV. Herod the <u>Hater</u>
 - A. Matthew 2:3
 - B. A disturbing response: self-preservation
- V. The <u>benefits</u> of worship:
 - A. We are the ones who need to practice it
 - B. It reminds us of who He really is
 - C. Worship fuels and feeds gratitude
 - D. It brings us back to the greatness of God
 - E. Worship allows me to <u>experience</u> a deeper connection with God