

STORIES OF HOPE

told through the Wisemen

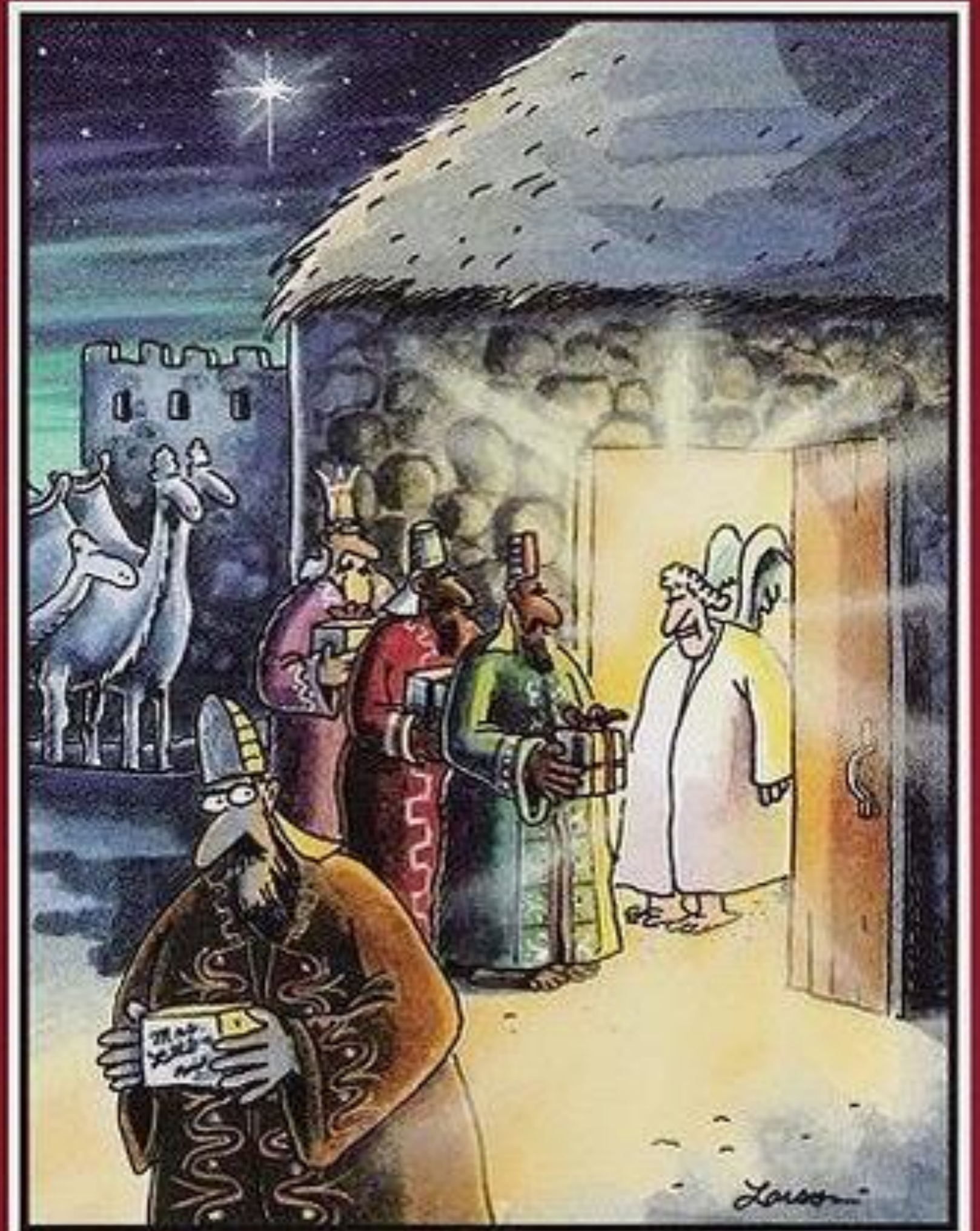
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How
many
wisemen
were
there?



Unbeknownst to many theologians, there was a fourth wiseman, who was turned away for bringing a fruitcake.



How
many
kings are
there in
the story?

The book of the genealogy of
Jesus Christ, the son of David, the
son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:1

Magi Arrive in Jerusalem

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Matthew 2:1-2



Jerusalem

Bethlehem


Mecca

PARTHIA

PERSIA

YEMEN

The Wise Men from the East

-  Possible routes of the wise men from Parthia, Persia, and/or Yemen (Arabia)

0 200 mi
0 200 km

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Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:48

Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an **anointed one**, a **prince**, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks ... 26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an **anointed one** shall be cut off and shall have nothing.

Daniel 9:25-26

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I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not
near: a **star** shall come out of Jacob, and a
scepter shall rise out of Israel;

Numbers 24:17

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Matthew 2:2

Three Responses

saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”³ When **Herod the king** heard this, **he was troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him;

Matthew 2:2-3

Three Responses
1. Hostility

⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

Matthew 2:4-5

Three Responses
1. Hostility

⁶ ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Matthew 2:6

Three Responses
1. Hostility

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

Matthew 2:7-8

Three Responses
1. Hostility

Happy new year just feels good to say. Doesn't matter where you're from your religion your country everybody celebrates it. It's not like with Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas can go either way and I hate to offend people so this whole last holiday season I didn't let out one Merry Christmas. That's true! Instead, I said...

“May the birth of the one and only true God,
Jesus Christ, bestow blessing of grace and peace
upon your household to the belittlement of
every other false religion! That's what I say!

Pete Holmes

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2. Indifference

⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, **they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**

Matthew 2:9-10

Three Responses

1. Hostility
2. Indifference
3. Worship

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:14

¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, **and they fell down and worshiped him.** Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way

Matthew 2:11-12

Three Responses

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2. Indifference
3. Worship

¹⁸ ... **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18–20