

“HAVE YOU NOT READ?”

When the Pharisees asked Jesus a question, He sometimes asked them whether they had read the Scriptures. That was a bold question to ask religious leaders! It is worth asking today when we see manger scenes with three wise men.

Matthew 2:1 says, *after Jesus was born...wise men from the East came....* God did not say how many wise men came. Human tradition adds to God’s word, saying there were three and naming them. These men came to Jerusalem telling the news that the King of the Jews was born. After speaking to Herod they went to Bethlehem, and *when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child* (Matt. 2:11). Did you catch that? They saw Jesus at the house, not in the manger.

Those who display such manger scenes show that their faith is a mixture of Scripture and human tradition. When you realize that none of the apostles or churches in Scripture observed a “holy day” for Jesus’ birth, you must wonder why it is so common today. If you do not think this matters, *have you not read* God’s warnings? Read about this in next week’s article, posted today at **WWW.QVCOC.COM**. Send us your comments and questions anytime.