

Catholic Trivia 1-3-25 Answers:

1. The Bible is silent about how many wise men (Magi) came to worship Jesus. Tradition and legend usually numbers them as three.
2. The Bible is also silent about their names. Various traditions about their names have arisen. The common Western tradition has identified them as Caspar (also Gaspar, Jaspar, Jaspas, Gathaspa), Melchior (also Melichior), and Balthazar (also Bathasar, Balthassar, Bithisaria). One popular legend has portrayed Caspar as a king of India, Melchior as a king of Persia, and Balthazar as a king of Arabia. In the East, however, other names for the Magi appear. Many Syrian Christians call them Larvandad, Gushnasaph, and Hormisdas. Ethiopians name them Hor, Karsudan, and Basanater, while Armenians call them Kagpha, Badadakharida, and Badalilma.
3. The Story of the Other Wise Man is a short novel or long short story by Henry van Dyke. It was initially published in 1895 and has been reprinted many times since then.
4. Based on the classic story, the full-length movie starred Martin Sheen.
5. The fourth wise man is called Artaban. He is a physician, priest, astrologer and wise man from Persia. He plans to rendezvous with his friends to caravan to Bethlehem.