

Devotional
Who Do You Say I Am?
The Magi
Lesson 6 Matthew 2.1-12
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Day 1: Seeking the King
Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Devotional: The journey of the Magi reminds us that seeking Jesus is a divine calling. Just as God guided these wise men from afar, He continues to draw people to Himself today. Reflect on your own journey of faith. How has God been guiding you? Are there areas in your life where you need to be more intentional about seeking Him? Remember, "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Today, ask God to deepen your desire to know Him more fully.

Day 2: The Glory Revealed
Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Devotional: The star that guided the Magi was likely a manifestation of God's glory - the same glory that shone around the shepherds. God's glory is not just a distant, abstract concept, but a tangible reality that breaks into our world. Where have you seen glimpses of God's glory in your life? In nature? In acts of kindness? In moments of worship? Today, be attentive to the ways God might be revealing His glory to you, and respond with wonder and worship.

Day 3: Unexpected Seekers
Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Devotional: The Magi - Gentiles from a distant land - were among the first to worship Jesus. This foreshadows God's plan of salvation for all nations. Sometimes, the most eager seekers of God come from unexpected places. Are there people in your life you've discounted as unlikely to respond to the gospel? Pray for them today, asking God to draw them to Himself. Consider

how you might be a light pointing others to Christ, just as the star guided the Magi.

Day 4: Treasures for the King

Reading: Proverbs 3:9-10, Matthew 6:19-21

Devotional: The Magi brought their best gifts to Jesus - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts symbolized Jesus' kingship, divinity, and sacrificial death. What are the "treasures" in your life? Your time, talents, resources? How can you offer these to Jesus as an act of worship? Remember, true worship often involves sacrifice. Today, consider one concrete way you can honor God with your "treasures."

Day 5: The Hope of All Nations

Reading: Revelation 7:9-12

Devotional: Matthew's gospel begins and ends with a focus on all nations coming to worship Jesus. This reminds us that the good news of Christ is for everyone, regardless of ethnicity, background, or social status. How does this challenge any biases or prejudices you might hold? Pray for unreached people groups today, like the Mountain People of Central Asia and the Mariners of SE Asia mentioned in the sermon. Ask God how you might participate in His global mission, whether through prayer, giving, or going.