



The Wise Men (Matt 2)

Dec 16

OVERVIEW: [Matthew](#) (watch the intro)

CONTEXT: Studying the Wise Men on Epiphany, how providential. Epiphany (which means a revelation or manifestation) is the traditional date when Christians remember the arrival of the Wisemen, some 2 years after Jesus birth (see Mt 2:8- “child”, v.16- “two and under”). It is the amazing story of a supernatural body (just a star?), of Wisemen from the east (Persia, China?), who come to worship the Jewish king. It speaks of prophecies fulfilled and true and false worship of this King, Mary and Joseph flight to Egypt and the cruelty of Herod. Enjoy!

FIRST, A.M. SERMON RECAP (Lk 1:46b))

- What does it mean to magnify something?
- Can God be made any bigger than He is?
- How then can He be magnified?
- How did Mary’s soul magnify the Lord?
- How can we magnify the Lord?

READ: Matt 2

QUESTIONS:

1. 4 basic questions today (easy for a quick or simple Bible study, especially with unbelievers or new Christians).
 - In a nutshell, what is happening in the story. Explain in your own words.
 - Is there anything that you don’t understand but that you can tell would help understand the story better (discuss)?
 - What does this story teach us about God?
 - What does this story teach us about us?
 - What does it ask of us to do?

2. Some extra questions:

- How is Jesus like Moses here? (Dt 8:15)
- How does prophecy increase faith?
- If God prophesied these events is He morally culpable?
- True faith and worship (Herod vs. Wisemen).

NEXT TIME: Jan 13, Mk 1:14–45

