

Epiphany

to comprehend the essence or meaning of something,
Experience an "Aha!" moment



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”



When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:



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



Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

“Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”



After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:1-12



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Barriers

- (1) Commonality
- (2) Temptation
- (3) Busyness
- (4) Apathy



*God is continually drawing us to himself
in everything we experience.*

✧ Every Epiphany has a **PURPOSE**

“For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed”

Romans 1:17



✧ Every Epiphany has a **PLAN**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



✧ Every Epiphany requires **PRESEVERANCE**

“I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.” Pr 8:17

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13



✧ My Epiphany is waiting in...

Scripture “you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. Mt 22:29

Worship “Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him” Lk 24:31

Giving “Give, and it will be given to you” Lk 6:38

