



Part 6: Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

BIG IDEA

If God can reveal Himself to a group of pagan magicians, and their response is to bow their knee and worship him as King, we can hope that He is doing the same for us!

INTRODUCTION

- This week, we are focusing on the Magi.
- The Magi we have in our heads may be different than the historical magi we read about in Matthew 2.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

To best understand the role of the Magi in the story, we need to understand the historical context of these characters.

The Backstory

So, who are the Magi? What do we know about them? Who were they really?

The Application

How does this bring light and life into our story?

- **God's plan is at work, even when we can't see it directly.** *Where is God's plan unfolding in your life currently?*
- **We are all invited to worship the Christ as King.** *Where are you being invited to worship the King of Kings in your life right now?*
- **God is pursuing those walking in darkness and calling them back home to Him so their story can experience redemption and restoration.** *Who in your life right now do you know God is pursuing, even though they may be walking in darkness? How can you be praying for them?*

Discussion Questions:

- What is your big takeaway from the sermon?
- What is something new or surprising you heard during the sermon?
- How do the Magi fit into your picture of the Nativity story at this time?
- How does the profile of the Magi bring light amid darkness for you this Christmas season?
- Who will you share the answers to the three application questions from the sermon today for follow-through and accountability? What of your responses do you want to share with that community?