

Matthew 2:1-12

Magi? Wise men? Kings?

- “we three kings of Orient are...”
- the Star of Bethlehem (v2, 9)
- why are these men interested in the one who has been born king of the Jews? (v2)

The mysterious leading of God to Christ

- The deportation/exile (Matthew 1:11-12; Daniel 2)
- purpose of the visit to Herod? (vv3-8)
- Applications:
 - God leading us to Jesus
 - The Scriptures leading to Jesus (vv5-6; Numbers 24:17)
 - Rejoicing, worship, and giving (vv10-11)

Questions for reflection:

1. What events in your life show God at work (perhaps even in advance of your faith in God, if you came to faith later in life)?
2. In 2 Timothy 3:15 Paul writes of “the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” What role does the Bible play in teaching you about Jesus? How often do you read the Bible? Is it hard for you to see how the Bible leads us to salvation through faith in Jesus? What can you do to have the Bible play a more leading role in your life?
3. As you get ready for the Christmas season, how can worship play a more central part in your celebration?