



Christmas Through the Wise Men's Eyes

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Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Matthew 2:9-10

Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:17

God WANTS to be close to me.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1

(Jesus) the Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17

God CARES enough about my problems to do something about it.

Who, being in very nature a God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped. Instead, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Philippians 2:6-8

God made Jesus, who never sinned, to be sin on our behalf. 2 Corinthians 5:21

God is FOR me.

If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? Romans 8:31-32

For your LifeGroup and growth time.

Read Matthew 2:1-10. What thoughts do you have as you read this passage? What do you think they were thinking as they entered into Judea?

Look at Colossians 1:15-20. What is it saying about Jesus? Now look at Philippians 2:6-11. What other truths about Jesus do you see?

What is the "incarnation"? Why is it relevant to Jesus' birth, His death, and our lives?

Read the parts in both passages that talk about the cross. Why do you think the death of Jesus so critical to His birth story?

How does this story give you more trust and hope in God?

Pray together and support each other!

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