



Epiphany Week One

“We Three Kings”

Matthew 2:1-12

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Its the Season of Epiphany—Meaning and Purpose

Epiphany - “inspired realization”

You feel it in your bones, you know it changes everything.

Why should we care about this? Because of the Incarnation—Because of God-With-Us

What's the Craziest Thing You've Ever Done Because You Just Knew...?

We've all had moments in our life where inspiration struck...

HERE ARE SOME GOOD EXAMPLES

I've had some of my own—let me tell a story.

Matthew's Gospel tells the story of the Magi—who followed a star to find a Savior—there's a lesson in this story for all of us.

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- *The origin of the Wise Men—Tradition and legends*
- *The symbol of the star—beliefs that prompted a long journey*
- *They embody the prophecies about the kingdom of God—are a threat*
- *This passage is full of questions of power, true kingship, empire, a new age*
- *The symbols of the gifts—what they mean and why they were given*
- *These “scientists” did something crazy—they followed their hearts*

We spend so much time trying to find our own way in the world—but the signs that God is with us are all around us.

If We Really Believed That God Is With Us—What Might It Change?

- *We'd see the world as full of wonder, and possibility.*
- *We would see ourselves as full of purpose and direction.*
- *We wouldn't be afraid of where our hearts would lead us.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Word Made Flesh: A Theology of the Incarnation

Ian A. McFarland

Christ The Heart of Creation

Rowan Williams

The Universal Christ: Another Name for Everything

Richard Rohr

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