

BEHOLD

our long-awaited hope

First Advent: The King Has Come
Matthew 2:1-11

1. King Jesus upsets the balance of power.
2. King Jesus interrupts the comfort of our routines.
3. King Jesus leads his faithful followers on a joyous adventure.

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. When you think of who Jesus is on Christmas, what comes to mind? Do you see him coming as the True King? See Matthew 2:1-2 and Luke 1:29-33. Why do we long for a leader who can set all things right in the world? See Isaiah 9:6-7.
2. Herod saw the birth of King Jesus as a threat to his power. The priests responded to the news with indifference. When it comes to the Lordship of Jesus in your life, can you relate to either of these groups?
3. What are some of your impressions of the Magi from this passage? Are there things about what they did and how they thought that are helpful for you to consider?
4. Since King Jesus came into the world, everything has changed. How has Jesus changed your life and your priorities? What are some areas of transformation Jesus is leading you to this Christmas?

Memory Verse

Then he said to them all: **“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.”**

Luke 9:23-24