

Matthew 2:1–12 — “The Magi & The Majesty of Christ”

1. OPENING THOUGHT

The visit of the Magi is more than a charming Christmas scene—it is a declaration that Jesus is the long-promised King, the fulfillment of centuries of prophecy, and the Savior for *all* nations. This passage reminds us that God draws seekers from far away and confronts the pride of those who resist Him.

Passage

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A. The Weight of Prophecy

Old Testament references:

- **Micah 5:2** – Birthplace in Bethlehem
- **Numbers 24:17** – A star rising
- **Isaiah 60:1–6** – Nations bringing gold and frankincense
- **Psalm 72:10–11** – Kings bringing gifts and bowing

1. *Which prophecy stands out to you the most and why?*
2. *How does seeing prophecy fulfilled encourage your faith today?*
3. *What does this tell you about God’s faithfulness across generations?*

B. The Magi vs. Herod

1. *Why did the Magi travel so far while Herod—just miles away—never went to see Jesus?*
2. *Where do you see “Magi tendencies” in your life—seeking, surrendering, obeying?*
3. *Where might you see “Herod tendencies”—wanting control, resisting God, protecting your plans?*

C. True Worship

1. *The Magi “came to worship.” What does worship look like in your everyday life?*
2. *Why do the gifts—gold, frankincense, myrrh—matter? What do they say about Jesus?*
3. *What is one “gift” you feel God inviting you to bring to Him this season? (obedience, time, finances, trust, surrender, etc.)*

D. God Draws “Outsiders”

1. *What does it say about God’s heart that He drew Gentile Magi to Jesus first?*
2. *Who in your life seems spiritually far away, and how might God already be drawing them?*
3. *What would it look like for you to partner with God in that person’s journey?*

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Personal Application

- *What prophecy or detail from this passage strengthens your faith the most right now?*
- *Which posture is more present in your life recently—Magi (seeking) or Herod (resisting)? Why?*

Relational Application

- *Identify one person who seems far from God. What is one simple step you can take to encourage, invite, or love them?*
- *Who is an “unexpected” person God might be drawing to Himself around you?*

Spiritual Practices

Pick **one** this week:

- Spend time meditating on Isaiah 60:1–6 or Psalm 72:10–11.
- Offer a symbolic “gift” to Jesus—time, generosity, serving, or surrender.
- Dedicate a day to pray for someone you consider spiritually far from God.

GROUP PRAYER

- Thank God for drawing all nations and people to the light of Christ.
- Pray for surrendered hearts like the Magi.
- Pray against fear and control—Herod-like tendencies.
- Pray for people far from God to encounter Jesus this season.