

## JOURNEY WAYPOINTS

A stop along the journey to study, share, and support one another while we learn the way of Jesus.

### This Week's Big Idea

Jesus has come, fully revealing who God is—our loving, faithful, and humble King. In Jesus, we see the God who is for us, crushing sin and death, and immersing us in His hope, peace, joy, and love. Our response is honor and worship.

### Scripture & Study

**KEY TEXT:** Psalm 70:10-11; Matthew 2:1-12; John 1:18 [Click here to access this week's scriptures](#)

Throughout history, humanity has sought to know God. We knew that the hope, peace, joy and love that we longed for could only be found in Him. Prophets, patriarchs, and poets glimpsed His glory, but it is not until the incarnation of Jesus that God fully reveals Himself. Psalm 72 paints a prophetic picture of kings bringing gifts to bow before God's chosen king. This royal psalm envisions a kingdom marked by justice and peace, foreshadowing the ultimate King—Jesus.

The visit of the Magi in Matthew 2 fulfills this prophecy. Their gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—symbolize Jesus' eternal kingship, divine nature, and sacrificial death. They traveled great distances, guided by a heavenly light, to worship the King of kings. Their journey demonstrates the universal call to worship Jesus, as in the Magi, the Gentile nations came to bow before the King of all.

Epiphany = "manifestation" or "appearance". In Jesus, God manifests Himself to us. The Church traditionally celebrates the Feast of Epiphany remembering two things: the Magi's worship of Jesus as the revealed King for all nations and the revelation of Jesus' ministry at His baptism, where God declared, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). In Jesus, the infinite becomes finite, and eternity enters time. As Hebrews 1:3 declares, Jesus is the radiance of God's glory, the exact representation of His being.

In Jesus, we too see: God as Father, God as Love, God as Humble. The God who is in intimate relationship with us, demonstrating His self-giving, other-centered, sacrificial love, as He comes to serve and to save. This revelation calls for our response. Like the Magi, we are invited to offer our gifts and lives in worship, to follow the leading of Jesus as He draws us to encounter Him. Looking back over our lives, we may find moments of "epiphany," times when God's faithfulness was evident. Have we reflected on those moments? Have they moved us to deeper worship and devotion?

### Discussion Questions:

- Worship and Gifts: What do the gifts of the Magi (gold, frankincense, myrrh) reveal about Jesus? How can we offer our own "gifts" in response to who He is?
- Moments of Revelation: Reflect on a time when God revealed Himself to you. How did it deepen your understanding of Him?
- Living Out Revelation: How can we live out the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ in our daily lives?

### Apply it:

- Reflect: Look back over the past year. Journal moments of epiphany—times when God's presence or faithfulness was especially clear.
- Pray: Thank God for revealing Himself through Jesus. Ask Him to help you respond with a heart of worship.
- Act: Worship through your actions this week. Offer your time, talents, or treasure to bless someone and point them to Christ.