



Study + Discussion Sheets

[For the Week of July 12th - 18th]
"Jesus + The Magi"

Dig deeper into Sunday's message with our study + discussion questions based on Matthew 2:1-12 and the July 12th, 2015 sermon, **Jesus + The Magi** which is Part 6 of our *Encountering Jesus* teaching series...

READ MATTHEW 12:1-2

1. Consider verses 1-2. Where did the Magi come from? Who were they looking for? Why? What do these verses tell us about the Magi? What is the significance of all this to King Herod? Why?
2. What is the significance of the star that lead the Magi to Jesus; and what does "his star" suggest? (Consider and compare this text to Matthew 4:16 and Numbers 24:17.)
3. Consider verses 3-4. How did Herod and ALL Jerusalem respond to the Magi and their inquiries? Why was Herod so disturbed? What was the purpose of Herod's "Bible study"?
4. Consider verses 5-6. What did the words of the prophet Micah teach about Jesus? In what way does he resemble King David? (See Micah 5:2; 2 Samuel 5:2)
5. Consider verses 7-8. What information did King Herod get from the Magi? How did he try to make use of them? How did he lie to them? How did God protect the Magi?
6. Consider verses 9-12. What filled the Magi with joy? (Also, take note of *when* they were filled with joy.)
7. Upon finding Jesus, what did the Magi do? Why was it so important to them to find Him? What might the Magi have overcome to make the journey to meet and encounter Jesus?
8. How odd it is that the religious people of God missed the birth of their Messiah and some pagan mystics got it right. What does this teach us about Jesus, the Gospel, and how God reveals himself?
9. Reflect upon the following statements:
 - If the Magi can persevere on the journey to find Jesus and worship Him, then so can you.
 - If God can use a star to reach these mystical, pagan soothsayers, then He can use anything to reach anybody. What does this teach us about God and how he works?
 - If the Magi offered Jesus gifts fit for a king, then so should we. What gifts can we "bring" to Jesus today?

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