#### BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...."

John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

# PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK



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# ise God for the encouraging report from the New Ireland Believers Conference It was a great time of Bible teaching, worship, updates, and fellowship.

Praise for Barnabas, Louie, and Nahor team taught lessons together and did a great job

#### PRA

- Pray for the Barnabas, Louie, and Nahor as they continue serving together in ministry Pray for their safety from spiritual attacks and that they will remain vigilant.
- Pray for protection from temptation and spiritual attacks from the enemy.
- Pray that the outreach ministry to the neighboring village would bear lasting spiritual fruit.

# THE LIGHT HAS COME!

Handout: 12/14/25

Study Date: 12/21/25

# **Worship The Light**

The Magi's opening words capture a heart that seeks. Their journey illustrates that God rewards the sincere search for Him, just as Jeremiah 29:13 promises: "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." They do not ask, "Is there a King?" but "Where is He?"—confidence that He exists because God's prophetic word is trustworthy (Isaiah 46:9-10).

Their statement assumes a completed, literal birth. Prophecies such as Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born," and Micah 5:2, which pinpoints Bethlehem, have moved from promise to fulfillment. The King has not been appointed by human vote or military might; He has entered history through a real, physical birth, underscoring the incarnation truth found in John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

The title signals both royalty and Messiahship. Psalm 2:6-7 declares the LORD's installation of His King, while 2 Samuel 7:12-16 pledges David an everlasting throne. By calling the infant "King," the Magi affirm Jesus' rightful sovereignty at the very start of His earthly life—foreshadowing the sign over the cross, "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS" (Matthew 27:37), and anticipating Revelation 19:16 where He is "King of kings."

God uses a celestial sign to draw Gentile seekers, fulfilling Numbers 24:17, "A star will come forth from Jacob." The star is His star—divinely appointed, not astrology's randomness. Like the pillar of fire in Exodus 13:21-22, this light guides travelers to God's appointed place. The episode demonstrates that creation itself proclaims His glory (Psalm 19:1-4), leading willing hearts to the Savior.

Their goal is not curiosity but adoration. They bring gifts (Matthew 2:11) echoing Isaiah 60:6's prophecy of nations bringing gold and frankincense. Worship belongs only to God (Deuteronomy 6:13), so their kneeling affirms Jesus' deity. The infant King receives what Satan demanded and was denied (Matthew 4:9-10), displaying that even at His birth Jesus commands true worshipers "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24).

Matthew 2:2 shows foreign seekers confidently pursuing the promised Messiah, guided by God's sovereign sign, recognizing His royal identity, and offering Him rightful worship. The verse assures us that Scripture's prophecies come to pass exactly as spoken, that Christ's kingship is established from birth, and that all who earnestly seek Him—near or far—will find Him worthy of wholehearted adoration.

Resource: Biblehub.com

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# **KEY VERSE**

Matthew 2:2 (NKJV)

saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Read Matthew 2:1-12 Every Day

# WEEKLY READINGS

#### Monday: Matthew 2:2

#### Introduction

- 1. According to Matthew 2:2, *Who* were the "Maji" journeying to see and *what specifically* did they come to do?
- 2. According to paragraph 5 on pg. 1, how exactly did the Maji express their *adoration* for the new born "King?"

## **Tuesday: Matthew 2:2, 9-11a; Romans 12:1-2**

#### **Worship Focuses On Jesus**

- 3. What was the "reaction" of the Maji once they actually laid eyes on the child that was to be King of the Jews? (Matthew 2:11)
- 4. What are we being called to in Romans 12:1 as followers of Jesus? What are we to "present" ourselves as?

# Wednesday: Matthew 2:1, 3, 7-8, 12; Hebrews 10:25

# **Worship Requires Commitment**

- 5. We learn form Matthew 2:1 that the "journey" of the Maji was indeed long! What *else* was the journey according to Matthew 7-8 and 12?
- 6. What command are we called to within the scripture of Hebrews 10:25? What must we "not forsake" every Sunday?

# Thursday: Matthew 2:4-6; Micah 5:2; John 4:23

#### **Worship Obeys The Bible**

- 7. How did God's Word ultimately lead the Maji to Bethlehem? What did Matthew 2:4-6 reveal to them about their journey?
- 8. What do we learn of the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of our Lord, in Micah 5:2. Was it a "meek" or a "mighty" town?
- 9. What is John 4:23 teaching us about our worship of the Father? How well does YOUR worship align with the teachings of God's Word?

### Friday: Mat. 2:11b; Lk. 1:33; Ex. 30:34-38; Mk. 15:23; Mal. 3:10

#### **Worship Includes Generosity**

- 10. When the Maji came to Bethlehem to worship the new born "King" they were not empty handed. What did they bring with them? (Mat. 2:11b)
- 11. Each of the Maji's gifts held significant meaning for the new born King. What did each of the gifts represent? (Lk. 1:33; Ex. 30:34-38; Mk. 15:23)
- 12. There is a clear command that speaks to all of us as devout followers of God's Word in Malachi 3:10. Do YOU bring your tithe to the storehouse?