

Wisemen—the Educated

Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany – “to manifest” or “to show”

**Christian feast day celebrating the revelation of
God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ.**

Epiphany falls on January 6

Western Christians commemorate the visitation of the Magi to the child Jesus on this day,
i.e., his manifestation to the Gentiles.

Eastern Christians commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River and falls on the last
day of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

*“For my eyes have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” —Luke 2:30-32*

1. Who were the Magi?

Wisemen—educated men_____?

Magicians_____?

Kings_____?

Astronomers_____?

Jeremiah 39:3, Daniel 5:11

God announced Jesus’ birth to 3 groups or classes of people.

- **Overlooked Shepherds via angel messengers.**
- **Aged Simeon and Anna via Scriptures, Prayer, Holy Spirit, and Temple Worship.**
- **Wisemen, the Magi, via a sign in the heavens, a star.**

2. Ordinary Means of Grace

3 simple rules, Bishop Reuben Job

Wesley's General rules,

Do no harm

Do good,

Stay in love with God (Attend to all the ordinances of God.)

Prayer, Scripture (reading, meditation, study, memorization), Christian Conferencing, Sacraments, Worship, Fasting, Giving,

3. Extra-ordinary means of Grace.

Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Shepherds—angels and more common dreams

Wiseman—star, signs in the heavens

Moses—burning bush

Naaman the leper—little slave girl

Pharoah—plagues

Gideon—fleece

Jonah—large fish

Balaam—donkey

Daniel, Paul, Peter, Joseph, and Wisemen—dreams

Truths:

1. Jesus came for all: the overlooked, educated, high and low.
2. God will do whatever it takes to reach the lost.
3. Don't wait; use all the ordinary means available.
4. Don't doubt; God may use every means possible to reach someone yearning for God.

Memory Verse:

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