

Epiphany Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Now af-ter Je-sus was born in Beth-le-hem of Jud-e - a in the days of Her-od the king,
be - hold, wise men from the East came to Je - ru - sa - lem, say - ing,
"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East
and have come to wor-ship Him." When Her - od the king heard this, he was trou-bled,
and all Je - ru - sa - lem with him.
And when he had gath-ered all the chief priests and scribes of the peo-ple to-geth-er,
he in-quired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him,
"In Beth - le - hem of Ju - de - a, for thus it is writ-ten by the pro-phet:
'But you, Beth-le-hem, in the land of Ju-dah, Are not the least a-mong the rul-ers of Ju-dah;
For out of you shall come a Ru-ler Who will shep-herd My peo-ple Is - ra - el.'"
Then Her - od, when he had se - cret - ly called the wise men,
de-ter-mined from them what time the star ap-peared. And he sent them to Beth-le-hem and said,

"Go and search care - ful - ly for the young Child, and when you have found Him,
bring back word to me, that I may come and wor - ship Him al - so."
When they heard the king, they de - part - ed;
and be - hold, the star which they had seen in the East went be - fore them,
till it came and stood ov - er where the young Child was. When they saw the star,
they re-joiced with ex - cee-ding-ly great joy. And when they had come in - to the house,
they saw the young Child with Ma - ry His moth-er, and fell down and wor-shiped Him.
And when they had o-pened their trea-sures, they pre-sent-ed gifts to Him: gold, frank-in-cense,
and myrrh. Then, be-ing di-vine-ly warned in a dream that they should not re-tur-n to Her-od,
they de - part - ed for their own coun - try a - noth - er way.