



EPIPHANY

**A Manifestation,
A Shining forth,
An Appearance.**

DO YOU HAVE A STAR TO GUIDE YOUR LIFE?

Which Star, You are following?

- A Pop star
- A Film star
- A Sports star
- A Rock star
- A Super star
- Your star in life truly guiding you to greatest happiness and success?



The Three Wise Men followed a Special Star...

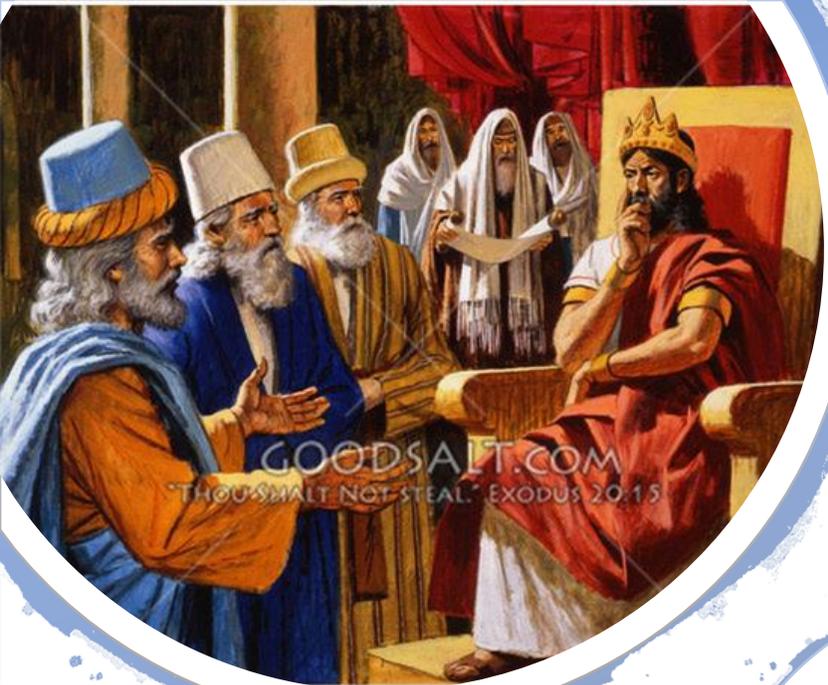
- It was a tough journey....
- Many days,
- Many weeks & Many Months to find the source of their Love, Peace, Joy & Hope in life.
- They had Deep longing to find the Special Star...
- **St. Augustine says**
- “You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.”





Biblical Affirmations for the Journey of wise men...

- *Search, and You will Find; Matthew 7:7*
- *When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, Jeremiah 29:13*
- *Faith can move the Mountains. Mathew: 17:20*
- **With Strong Faith and Trust...**
- They moved the Mountain of comforts,
- **Their Families, Their Friends, Their Countries, and Their Kingship to find a Special Hero for their lives....**
- **3 Situations in the story of Wise Men.**



1. Fail to Hitch their wagon on a Right Place...

- They landed in a wrong the Palace of King Herod seeking for their star.
- However, The learned people guided them, who knew the Holy Scripture.
- Sometimes we too fail to find the right place and right person but good to approach the right spiritual person to meet your star.



2. The arrival & The offerings of Magi

1. **Gold:** Signifies Jesus as king of all the world.
2. **Frankincense:** Signifies Jesus as the Great High Priest
3. **Myrrh:** Signifies Jesus death for the life of the world.



3. Magi Experience & Leave with Three Truths

1. God is a lover of Whole Humankind not lover of a particular region.
2. God is not up in Heaven far away from us but someone like us and among us.
3. God is not to be searched somewhere far away but to be found in every child that is born on this earth.

• They went out with New Vision & Mission In a New way.

Symbolizes New life in Christ.



The New-born Star Challenges

- What Gifts do you and I bring to the Manger for saving us from our sins?
- The challenge for us today is not to give **Gold ... Frankincense ... and Myrrh ...** but rather, to give what those gifts symbolize...



1. Gold - Melchior

- Jesus as the king
- if Jesus is a king, I need to be like Gold, Pure, shining, with renewed commitment
- To Worship our King ...
- To Obey our King ...&
- To Live as our King has taught, ...
- Practice His values and Commandments to get a place in his kingdom.



2. Frankincense - Gaspar

- Jesus as the Great High Priest
- If Jesus is priest , what he does?
- He offers a sacrifice...
- We need to offer our joys and blessings and successes in thanksgiving to God who is the source of every good ...
- We need to offer our sorrows, our worries, our struggles in faith to the God who never fails us.



3. Myrrh - Balthazar

- Jesus Death
- If Jesus dies for us
- With same commitment we need to lay down our lives for those around us ...
- Not literally, but by giving to others
- The precious gift of our time, our attention & our generosity.



Our Super Star Jesus

- The Magi greeted their star Jesus either kneeling or bowing in humble adoration.
- Saint Gregory says that when you meet God the proper response is adoration not inquiry.
- The Magi met Jesus and went out with New Vision & Mission In a New way.
- We Encounter Him in The Holy Eucharist...
- When we come to church, we adore the Lord and then we allow Him to come into us, to touch us, to transform us, to liberate us, to enlighten us and to change our lives...
- To see God in every individual & in everything in God's creation. Amen.

