

SERMON NOTES
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Seek and Find: Matthew's Christmas Message

Matthew 1:18-21, 24-25, 2:1-3, 9-11

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; SEEK, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

James 1:5 "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ASK of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

"He made from one man every nation...determined their appointed times, and boundaries...that they would SEEK God." (Acts 17:26-27)

Matthew 9:9 "As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, 'Follow Me!' And he got up and followed Him."

- Joseph (Chapter 1)

- The Magi (Chapter 2)
"A star will rise from Jacob" – Balaam (Numbers 24:17)

"They say Aslan is on the move – perhaps he has already landed,"
(said Beaver). – C. S. Lewis

- People of Jerusalem (Chapter 2)

Are you seeking God?

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¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

²⁴And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

^{2:1}Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ²"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁹After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.