



**DAY 39**



## SEEKING JESUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

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**After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.**

**Matthew 2:9-12**

In the Church calendar, we remember this narrative as part of Epiphany (Greek for “manifestation” or “appearance”) - that is, we celebrate Jesus being revealed as Christ to the whole world.

The wise men were students of astronomy, and this is what God uses to draw them near. As the heavens declared the glory of God, the wise men could not help being filled with wonder and joy as they sought Jesus. These wise men were foreigners, outsiders, and we are reminded through this encounter that God extended His grace to those who were once outside the covenant, or, as Ephesians says, “we were aliens and strangers, but God has made us a part of His family.”



As soon as the wise men see Jesus, they bow down and worship Him. And they don't stop there, they give Jesus their gifts. Transformed by simply encountering Jesus, when these wise men left, they changed the direction of their lives and walked away from the mess of Herod.

Where do you see God in your everyday life?

As you encounter Jesus in your everyday life,  
do you seek Him with joy?

Do you bow down and worship Jesus?  
Do you offer Him your gifts?

As you meet Jesus, what mess in your life are you walking away from, now transformed?

*Just as the wise men were guided by the heavens to the infant Christ, we know that all who search for Christ will find him. Awaken in our hearts, O God, a desire for wisdom and a yearning for your kingdom. Help us keep our priorities straight: to seek first your kingdom, to trust that you have provided. As we encounter you, transform our lives, that we would never be the same again. Amen.*

— **ETHAN DUPREE** —  
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