

Will men follow the Star
Scripture R. Math 2:1-12 M.T. 69

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Intro. We don't know where
the wise men come from or
how many there were but
they were truly wise men.
But before they found Jesus
there were some difficulties
to overcome.

~~1. Long journey by camel~~

1. They saw the star.

They were looking for the
Saviour. Jewish symbol Star
of David.

2. They started out to find
him.

a. long journey

b. made inquiry
sought diligently

3. Walked in the light
Star led them all the
way.

4. Their search was rewarded
5. Come to worship. fell
down before Him
6. Presented Gifts (treasures)
Incense as God
Gold as King
Myrrh as humor, representing
suffering and pain. ^{used to embalm}
perfumed the feet they
had.

WHY JESUS WAS REVEILED TO THEM

Script. Isaiah 7:14.

Psalm 95-1-11

Claverport 36

Trace Dec 57

Morgantown 11-17-63
12-66

Intro.

Down through the ages God has always reveiled Himself to those who would serve Him.

When Jesus was born people from different walks of life received a revelation of Him.

I. Why Did Jesus choose Mary.

A. She had kept herself pure she was a virtuous women and one that was willing to do the will of God. *She had found favor with God.*

II. Why Dkd God Choose Joseph to be the foster father. and protector of the child Jesus.

A. Because Joseph was a just man and was also Virtuesus and wanted to live a life above reproach.

III. Why Did God Choose the Shepherds.

A. Because they were humble and had faith to believe and had no other motives than to gloryfy God and praise Him.

They had no rich gifts but they brought themselves and there whole heart.

IV. Why Did God appear to the wise men?

A. Because they were looking and searching diligently for there redemption and were willing to put forth some effort to find Him.
1. Although they may not have been Jews.

V. Why Did Simeon know He was in the temple.

A. He was a man filled with the Holy Ghost.

B. He lived close enough to God to receive instruction from Him.

C. God honored him by letting Him live untill he had seen Him.

VI. Why Did Anna see Him.

A. Because she had lived for God many years and gave herself to prayer and fasting and was continually in the temple because she wanted to be near the glory of the Lord.

Why did God reveal
secrets to John on the
isle of Patmos.
Because, he stood at
the foot of the cross
He was faithful and
true.

Conclusion:

God reveals Himself
and gives special favors
to those who are always
seeking to be close to him.

How can we be close
by prayer, Holy living, love
and devotion,

Conclusion.

Today at this Christmas season we can learn from those who have gone before. It is not the rich, not the poor, not the high nor the low but those who will come and bow humbly at his feet and want Him more than any thing in the world that will find Him.

The Incarnation M.T. 68

Text: Galatians 4: 4

"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law."
Intro. The word incarnation means God in the flesh.

God talked to Adam in the garden, but not in the flesh.

When man sinned and death passed upon all men, God promised a sacrifice must be made for sin.

Why was it necessary for Christ to come in the flesh.

1. Because of His Great Love. "For God so loved, we ought to love one another

2. To show us our need.

By coming in person
He showed us the importance
of salvation.

3. To set an example
for us to follow.

The place of a servant.
Washed their feet.

He went through all
the stages of childhood
and adulthood.

4. He came to be tempted
in all points like as
we are and overcome
to show us it is possible
to overcome.

5. He came to rejoice with
them that do rejoice and
weep with them that weep.

6. He came to take our
place a sacrifice for us.

Philippians 2: 4-17

v. 7 But made himself of
no reputation, and took
upon him the form of a
servant, and was made in
the likeness of men.

Intro. Jesus came to earth
humbling Himself that we
might live. He became
poor that we might be
rich. He had far more that
we might have rejoicing.

Paul writes that we
should be like Christ.

Humble, obedient
taking the form of
a servant, living
dying for others.

V. 4 look not every man
on his own things but
every man also on
the things of others.

Jesus revealed to them.

Script. Luke 1: 26-35.

MT.
Christmas 78

Intro God is almighty but
works through human
instrumentality

Mary - purity and submission

Joseph - loyal, true, faithful
obedient.

Shepherds - humble, believing
told of Jesus. Rejoiced
in Him.

wise men. let nothing hinder
them. presented gift
and worshiped, humbly
before Him.

Rulers of Israel, Herod. not revealed to them.
~~Anna~~

Simeon - just, devout
led by the spirit as
Jesus came to the temple.

anna a prophetess - served God
with fastings and prayers
in the temple night
and day.

Conclusion God still seeks those
who will willingly
surrender there all to
Him.

Jesus Born of women

Genesis 3:15

Isa 7:13 14

Isa 49:1

Omni 5:3

Mat 1:18-23

Luk 1:26-35

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Claremont 55

Text: Mat 1:21

and she shall bring forth a son,
and thou shalt call his name
Jesus: for he shall save his people
from their sins.

Intro. For as in Adam all die
in Christ shall all be made
alive.

1. Tell of how Israel looked
for a savior.
A. Each mother thought her
child might be the savior.
B. It was a reproach to
have children.

I Jesus the only one who could
save from sin.

①. Sacrifices and animals could
not atone.

II People in the world are always
looking for a savior.

Illus. Hitler Emperor of Japan
Massacres

Stalin in Russia

Wishes the crucifixion to Joseph & Mary

III The meaning of salvation.

1. Saves from unhappy life.

2. Saves from the guilt
of sin.

a good conscience before God
and man

3. Saves from fear of life after death.

4. Saves from all the bondage of sin.

Concl: at this Christmas season
think of the Christ ~~how~~
come to save you and
I from sin.

Why did God reveal Himself to them.

Scripture Heb: 1.

Galatians 4: 24

In the fullness of time
Jesus came to earth.

certain people were given
special favor as his coming
was revealed to them.

I Mary.

Highly favored. Blessed art
thou.

II Joseph. a just man.

III Shepherds. - Humble men
eager to worship.

IV Wise men - looking for
him following the signs,
worshipping with gifts.

V Simeon. Just and Devout.
revealed to him by the Holy
Ghost. that he should not
see death until he had seen
the Lords Christ.

VI Anna. Departed not from
the temple but served
God with fastings and
prayers. night and day.

Conclusion. Gods choicest
blessing are for those who
live close to Him let
us follow the divine
leadership of the Holy
Spirit

Walking on the Water.
the look that lifts
Matt. 14: 22-33 Mt. 77
Note V. 30 P. 282
Peter found looking to 75
Jesus reduced his
specific gravity.

Jacob left home
depressed but at
Bethel he looked
at the ladder to
heaven.

David was found
of describing the
act of trusting God
a 'lifting up the eyes';
another prophet said
they looked unto
him and were
lightened and their
faces were not
ashamed.

Master of Hebrews
converted the laying
aside of weights with
"looking unto Jesus!"

Bishop Matthew
Simpson in crossing
the river on a
swimming horse.

Keep your eyes on
that tree.

child of my love fear not the me,
brown marrow.

Dread not the new demand
life makes of thee

Thy ignorance death hold
no cause for sorrow
since what thou knowest not
is known to me.

I how canst not see today
the hidden meaning of
my command, but thou
the light shall gain.

Walk on upon my promise
leaving and as thou goest
all shall be made plain.

One step thou seekest,
thou go forward boldly
one step is for enough for
faith to see.

Take that and thy next
duty shall be told thee.
For step by step thy Lord
is leading thee.

Thou shalt march on all
the stakes of humanity!
No evil spirit, none to
disobey

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WESLEYAN
9-9-84
Joshua 1-9
Be strong and courageous
1. Give God the first part of every
day. ^{Christiansburg p-13-85 M.T.}
^{South Side Wesleyan}
March 1: 35 ⁹⁻²⁰⁻⁸⁶ End in the morning
^{Jesus example}
rising up a great while before
day, he went out, and departed
into a solitary place, and there
prayed. ^{Illustr. praying in New Guinea}
^{Jesus Abraham Lincoln 4-5-78 next Bible}
2. Give God the first day of every
week. ^{acts 20: 7} ^{Illustr. J. C. Penney}
and upon the first day of
the week, when the disciples
came together to break bread
Paul preached unto them.
^{For rest and worship and doing good.}
3. Give God the first portion of
your income ^{Mal. 3: 10, 11, 12}
Bringing all the tithes into
the storehouse.
Prov. 3: 9 Know the Lord
with thy substance, and
with the first fruits of
all things increase: so shall
thy barns be filled with
plenty, and thy presses shall

burnt out with new wine.
Rebuke the devourer. Withhold

4 Give God the first consideration
in every decision from 3:5-6

Be not in the Lord with all
thine heart; and lean not unto
thine own understanding. In
all thy ways acknowledge
Him and He shall direct
thy paths. Illust. Moses, Ezechiel

Noah. Joshua & Caleb. 184, 090
5 Give God first place
your heart and home.

Colossians 1:18

Morb 12:28-30

Morb. 16:15-16

The home that prays
together, stays together

5 Give Gods back the
6 Bible first place in
your heart and home
Ch 1:18 - Joshua.

and He is the head
of the body, the church;
who is the beginning,
the firstborn from the
dead; that in all things
He might have the preeminence.

30. and thou shalt love
the Lord thy God with
all thy heart, and with
all thy soul, and with
all thy mind, and with
all thy strength; this is the
first commandment.

Michael Faraday
Albert Einstein said was the greatest
scientist

Do not let this book
of the four depart from it
your mouth, meditate on it
day and night, so that
you may be strong and very courageous.
3 times v 6, 7, 9 full of faith
you may be careful to do everything
written in it, then you will be
prosperous and successful.
General MacArthur read daily

Lithurgy - Matt 23:23
New

Eph 2: 1-10

James Snyder

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Scripture Reading

no 566 praise and worship

- 1 The first part of every day.
- 2 The first day of every week.
- 3 The first portion of your income.
4. Give God the first confidence in every decision.
5. Give God's book the Bible first place in your heart and home.
6. Be strong and very courageous in the battles of life and you shall be prosperous and have good success.

1 Morgantown Nazarine 2-8-89, paper meeting

Faithfulness & Steadfastness

Re 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that he may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life!

1 Co. 15:58 Therefore my

beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Examples of faithfulness and Steadfastness

Job

ch 23:11

Is. three Hebrew Captives

Da 3:18

Christ in going to the Cross

Lu 9:51

Peter & John

ac 4:19

Paul

ac 20, 24

Song; I shall know Him
by the prints of the nails
in his hands.

When my life's work is ended
O the dear one in glory.
Through the gates to the city
O the soul thrilling rapture

CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

Mt. 3-22-81

Scripture James 5:16-20

Text V. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,

Intro. On a wall of a tailor shop was a sign: "I think people should confess their faults. I'd confess mine - IF I HAD ANY," Its always easy to see the faults of others but hard to admit our own.

Jesus said, Why beholdest thou the mote that is thy brothers eye and beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye."

There is something about confession that brings relief

Our first step toward God is one of confession, as with David when he had sinned He said, I acknowledge my transgression and my sin is ever before me. I John 1:9 If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Luke 18:13 "And the publican standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon, his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

Prov. 28:13, "He that covereth his sins, shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Acts 3:19. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord:"

Psalms 34:18 "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

My boys confessing
"God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble, humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Peter 5:6,7

Conscience fund in Washington.

Zackies "If I have taken anything by false accusation I restore fourfold."

Old Methodist class meetings.

Let us confess to God, this is one of the conditions for Revival.

and others
Long I surrender all
P. 495

These girls left out in the cold.

Math. 25: 1-13

Morgantown
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Intro.

Illust.

I The virgins stood for purity.
A all saved. Ports made pure.

II Oil is a type of the Holy Spirit.

A of the oneness of God.

1. like when someone
united.

B. Keeps fire burning
as in the temple.

C Oil obtained by
prayer and supplication

D No one else's prayer will avail

IV Bridgroom Torried
A. seemed for away.
Illust.

V I slumbered and slept
* at midnight the cry
always unexpected.

VI Too late to get
oil.

III The door is shut.
Forever.

2. Rockslides - will
be lost without tape.

3. Be ready Watch
Woman with
wash tub.

Only a Boy

The old Scots minister climbed wearily into the pulpit. Bowed and dejected, he had just faced the harsh criticism of one of his deacons. "Sir there is something radically wrong with your ministry. Only one person has been saved this year, and he is only a boy."

The words stung him, for he too felt heartbroken that so few had responded to the gospel; yet still he trusted God for the results.

The service concluded, but the weary man of God lingered on in the church, wondering if there was any point continuing in the ministry. A young lad saw him and waited behind.

"Please, sir"

"Yes, Robert?"

"Do you think if I worked hard for my education that I could ever become a preacher?"

"God bless you, my boy," replied the old man with tears in his eyes. "Yes, I think you will become a preacher!"

It was years later that an elderly missionary came back to London from Africa. He had pushed back the boundaries of geographical knowledge and brought savage chiefs under the influence of the gospel of Peace, given tribes the Bible in their own tongues; but

most of all he had followed the Lord with all his heart.

Robert Moffat—"only a boy," won to Christ by a tired old man—had become a soul winner!

On one visit to England, Robert told of the need of Africa. Among those who heard him that day was a young Scottish medical student who had given his life to God for missionary service. Robert Moffat's words pierced his heart: "There is a vast plain to the north where I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been."

Filled with the vision of what God wanted him to do, the student asked Mr. Moffat, "Would I do for Africa?" The direction of David Livingstone's life had been changed.

Who can tell what impact was made through the ministry of the first old Scotsman? "Only a boy" it seemed — yet far-off generations and tribes knew the effect of it!

You never know what God is doing and can do through your witness. Do not be discouraged. But trust and pray on!

How Is Your Influence?

Max Jukes lived in New York. He did not believe in Christ or in Christian training. He refused to take his children to church, even when they asked to go. He has had 1,026 descendants—300 were sent to prison for an average term of 13 years; 190 were public prostitutes; 680 were admitted alcoholics. His family, thus far, has cost the state in excess of \$420,000. They made no contribution to society.

Jonathan Edwards lived in the same state, at the same time as Jukes. He loved the Lord and saw that his children were in church every Sunday, as he served the Lord to the best of his ability. He has had 929 descendants—of these, 430 were ministers; 86 became university professors; 13 became university presidents; 75 authored good books; 5 were elected to the United States Congress and 2 to the Senate. One was Vice President of his nation. His family never cost the state one cent but has contributed immeasurably to the life of plenty in this land today.

*God answers prayer
The opening of the
Berlin wall.
a group of Christians
met 10 yrs. ago
to pray for freedom
secretly in a church
in East Berlin.
only 10 people in
the first meeting
2000 ago 1000.
God answered prayer
Nov. 1989*

Pressing Toward The Mark.
Philippians 3: 13, 14. Trace Moynihan
to Timothy 2: 3, 4. Jan 11 '59 65

Intro: Men seek after great attainments in this life, Paul was seeking one thing "I press toward the mark."

To Timothy He says to endure hardness.

In war there is no substitute for victory every soldier seeks to overcome the enemy.

What makes a good soldier?
I A soldier is endeavoring to save others.

II A soldier has fears but he overcomes those fears. He is thinking of the reward after the war is over.

III A good soldier will obey commands without disputing

IV a soldier is always ready
to meet the foe
about. on call

V a soldier is at his post
of duty because the life
of others is at stake.

VI a soldier realizes that
altho his job seems un-
important his presence is
a threat to the enemy

VII Hardened soldiers. See dangers,
know their weapons, work
together and attack enemies

The Fruits of Holiness

Scripture Math. 7:13-23

Text 20 v. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them"
The test of any christian doctrine is in the life and character which it produces.

Holiness is not only an experience but a way of life.

You cannot bring forth the fruits of holiness without the experience

Illust. a tree's fruit any coin

I It is a life of victory over all sin (Rom. 6:22 6:17-18)

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life"

V.17-18. "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

II. It is a separated life. II Cor. 6:17-18 7:1

"Wherefore com out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

III. It is a life without blame (Not without fault)

I Thess. 5:23

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord."

Eph 5. 25-27

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; that it should be holy and without blemish."

It is a life of consistency I Thess. 5:23 above

17:15-17

"I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world; but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: Thy word is truth.

Illust. Demagnetizing Ships.

V. It is a Life of One Single purpose. (Jas. 1:8 4:8)
"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." *Dr*
"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. *Job 22*
"Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

Rom:8:5-6

"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit, For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

VI. It is a Life Without Bitterness (Heb. 12:14, 15.)
"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

This "root of bitterness" is the stump of carnality which remains in the heart. If it is not removed it will spring up "Trouble you, and thereby many will be defiled."

VII. It is a life of Peace I Thees 5:23 Above Heb; 12:14 Above

VIII. It is a life of Love. (1 Cor. 13:1-8 Look up.

IX. It is a life of fruitfulness (John 15:2; 5)
"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
I am the vine, ye are the branches He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit for without me ye can do nothing.

Gal. 5:22-24

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affects and lusts.

One life in which the fruits of the sanctified life are plainly seen will do more to bring conviction to the unsanctified and a desire for the experience of than many, many testimonies where the fruits are not possessed.

Saying the hardest word

Chapter 27

Scripture Dan. 3:14-25

Text Dan. 3:18.

Tell the story of the boys in a strange land.

I. They Said, "No," Because they were truly Saved.

A. Their experience was very real to them.

B. They had something that satisfied within.

C. They really loved the Lord with all their hearts

II. They said, "No," Because They Had a Single Aim in Their Lives.

A. It was settled that they belonged to the Lord.

B. It was settled that God's favor came first.

C. It was settled that God's will be done at any cost

III. THEY SAID, "NO," BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID OF SIN AND WRONG.

A. They knew sin would displease the Lord.

B. They knew sin would weaken their character.

C. They knew sin would leave marks on their lives.

D. They knew sin would make them want to do worse things still.

IV. They SAID "NO," BECAUSE THEY WOULD RATHER DIE FOR THE LORD THAN TO LIVE FOR THE DEVIL.

A. They loved God so well it was easy to please Him

B. They loved God so well it was easy to say, "No," to Satan and his crowd.

C. They loved God so well they would give up life itself for Him.