

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

FINDING THE WAY TO JESUS IS TO FIND THE WAY TO LIFE



The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. In this great feast, the prophet Isaiah encourages us: **“Arise, shine! For your Light has come, and the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you” (Isaiah 60:1)**. This light that the prophet saw is the star that the Magi saw in the East, along with many others. Magi discovered its meaning. Others contemplated it as something admirable, but something that didn't affect them. And so, they didn't react. The Magi realized that through it, God was sending them an important message, one worth the inconvenience of leaving behind familiar things and venturing on an uncertain journey: the hope of finding the King led them to follow this star that the prophets had

foretold and that the people of Israel had awaited for centuries.

They arrived in Jerusalem, the capital of the Jews. They thought that there they would be told the precise place where their King had been born. Indeed, they were told: **“In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet has written” (Matthew 2:5)**. The news of the Magi's arrival and their question spread throughout Jerusalem in a short time: Jerusalem was then a small city, and the presence of the Magi with their entourage must have been noticed by all the inhabitants; in fact, **“King Herod was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him” (Matthew 2:3)**, the Gospel tells us.

Jesus Christ crosses the lives of many people who are not interested in Him. A little effort would have changed their lives; they would have met the King of joy and peace. This requires the willingness to seek Him, to move, to ask without becoming discouraged, like the Magi, to break free from our apathy, our routine, and to appreciate the immense opportunity to find Christ. **If we don't find Him, we haven't found anything in life, for He alone is the Savior: finding Jesus means finding the Way that leads us to know the Truth that gives us Life. And, without Him, nothing at all is worthwhile.**

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