

EPIPHANY – Who Is Jesus?

Christians, we now enter into the time of Epiphany. When we think of Epiphany, we think of the Wise Men or Magi coming to see Jesus. Here are the facts of the Wise Men. We see them gathering at the manger the night that Jesus was born and we see three. The Bible does not tell us how many there were. We assume there were three, because of the three gifts presented to Jesus. These Wise Men probably came from the area that we now know as Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia or Yemen. The Bible does not say that they were kings. These men were learned men, studying the stars and what they might mean. Probably they were rich and held in high esteem among the people where they lived.

These learned men saw the star and knew a king had been born. Not just any king, but a very special king. They set out to find Him and offer three gifts that had great meaning. The first gift was gold, which is a possession of kings. We Christians see Jesus as King of Kings. They gave Him frankincense, which is sometimes used in worship. Christians worship Jesus. They also brought to Him myrrh. This was a perfume used for dead bodies. This was to indicate that Jesus would suffer and die.

So the Wise Men went and saw Jesus. They discovered who He was and worshipped Him. They then returned by way of another route because of who Jesus was, and they did not want Herod to find Him.

In this time of Epiphany, let us like the Wise Men seek out to discover who Jesus is. For many of us, it will be to discover who Jesus is again. Let us walk this spiritual journey to once again see who Jesus is and what He means to us. Some of the scriptures are just one verse, but ponder what it says about Jesus and how it applies to your relationship with Christ. I pray each of us would be renewed spiritually and in our commitment to Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Week of January 8 – January 14, 2018

<i>Monday:</i>	Visitors from the East.....	Matthew 2:1-2
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Isaiah foretells the visit	Isaiah 60:1-6
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Psalmist tells of the King	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
<i>Thursday:</i>	Paul tells of the Revelation of Christ	Ephesians 3:1-12
<i>Friday:</i>	John speaks of Jesus.....	John 1:14
<i>Saturday:</i>	John speaks again.....	Revelation 1:14-15
<i>Sunday:</i>	Isaiah describes Jesus.....	Isaiah 53:2

THE CHARACTER OF JESUS

Week of January 15 – January 21, 2018

<i>Monday:</i>	Obedient to the Father.....	John 15:10
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Obedient to the Father.....	Psalm 40:8
<i>Wednesday:</i>	He is just.....	John 5:3
<i>Thursday:</i>	He is Holy	Luke 1:35
<i>Friday:</i>	He is Loving.....	John 13:1
<i>Saturday:</i>	Self denying	Matthew 8:20
<i>Sunday:</i>	Zealous	Luke 2:49

Week of January 22 – January 28, 2018

<i>Sunday:</i>	Zealous	John 8:29
<i>Monday:</i>	Sinless	2 Corinthians 5:21
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Humble.....	Luke 22:27
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Resisting Temptation	Matthew 4:1-10
<i>Thursday:</i>	Harmless.....	Hebrews 7:26
<i>Friday:</i>	Benevolent	Matthew 4:23-24
<i>Saturday:</i>	Forgiving.....	Luke 23:34

Week of January 29 – February 4, 2018

<i>Monday:</i>	Righteous	Hebrews 1:9
<i>Tuesday:</i>	Altogether Lovely	Song of Solomon 5:16
<i>Wednesday:</i>	Healing	Acts 10:38
<i>Thursday:</i>	True	1 John 5:20
<i>Friday:</i>	Meek.....	Zechariah 9:9
<i>Saturday:</i>	Guileless.....	1 Peter 2:22
<i>Sunday:</i>	Humble.....	Isaiah 53:7

Week of February 5 – February 11, 2018

Monday: Self Denying.....2 Corinthians 8:9
 Tuesday: Humble..... Philippians 2:8
 Wednesday: Saints conform to Him Romans 8:29
 Thursday: CompassionateIsaiah 40:11
 Friday: Longsuffering.....1 Timothy 1:16
 Saturday: Merciful..... Hebrews 2:17
 Sunday: Spotless 1 Peter 1:19

Week of February 11, 12, 13, 2018

Monday: RighteousIsaiah 53:11
 Tuesday: Loving.....John 15:13

Following the recommendation of Annual Conference some years ago, the following vows can express our recommitment to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ for the New Year. With Epiphany as the Season of Light, the presence and grace of Jesus can flood down into our lives afresh.

Please use your own format for a service of personal commitment and blessing on a Sunday you choose for your congregation. This can also be extended to homebound persons who so desire. A candle can be a tie to the entire congregation receiving and sharing the light of Christ.

David S. Young

Service of Recommitment to Baptismal Vows—During Sunday worship

- 1) I desire to recommit my life afresh to Jesus.
- 2) I desire to turn from all sin and follow the example and teachings of Jesus.
- 3) I desire to be faithful to the church, being faithful in prayer and attendance and support and service.

Service of Prayers

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 Light a White Candle for Jesus
 during individual and family devotions.**

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 Church of the Brethren and Beyond

January 7 – February 13, 2018

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- ▶ Consider what God's word tells me who Jesus is and prayerfully consider what that means to me.
- ▶ Commit to being obedient to Christ and reflect Christ by what I do and say.
- ▶ Commit to reading the daily passage of scripture and spending time in prayer.
- ▶ Commit in becoming friends with someone who doesn't know Christ.

I am asking God's help as I make this commitment.

Sign your name on the line above

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