

The Year That Seems Lost

A New Joy Matthew 2.1-12

When the wisest men in the world came to Jesus, they found joy.

The Mysterious Road Trip

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, 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.”

The magi did not follow a star to Jerusalem, they followed a revelation.

9 After hearing the king, they went on their way; and behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on ahead of them until it came to a stop over *the place* where the Child was *to be found*.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

At the birth of Jesus, for the first time in a long time, there was a reason to celebrate. A reason for joy.

Where’s Your Joy?

The journey of joy begins with God

The journey of joy leads to Jesus

The journey of joy ends with commitment to Jesus

Worship, celebration and joy are all connected in Jesus. To trust Jesus is to live your life with joy.