

## THE PEOPLE IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY

### Shepherds & Wise Men: Seekers

Luke 2:8-17

15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."  
16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

Matthew 2:1-12

1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,  
2 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!  
11 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.

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1 Chronicles 28:9 "And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

Matthew 13:45 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls.

46 When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!

Psalm 63:1 O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

Jeremiah 29:13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

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Lamentations 3:25 The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.

Matthew 7:7 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Hebrews 11:6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

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Psalm 22:26 The poor will eat and be satisfied. All who seek the Lord will praise him. Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

Psalm 69:32 The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God's help be encouraged.

Psalm 119:2 Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts.

People Who Seek Jesus

See Him In Places Where Others \_\_\_\_\_

Sense Him In Ways That Others \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.