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CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WEEKEND MESSAGE NOTES

WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Southeast provides relational environments where you can find
Jesus, community, and purpose.

GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a life group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, visit southeastcc.org or send an email to connect@southeastcc.org.

NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us after services to pray with someone at southeastcc.org. You may also submit a prayer request at southeastcc.org/prayer.

ADVENT | A TALE OF TWO KINGDOMS | HOPE

NOTES | 11.27.22

Matthew 2:1-16 New International Version (NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star

had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

Jeremiah 2:13-19 | NIV

"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water. Is Israel a servant, a slave by birth?
Why then has he become plunder? Lions have roared;
they have growled at him. They have laid waste his land;
his towns are burned and deserted. Also, the men of Memphis and Tahpanhes
have cracked your skull.
Have you not brought this on yourselves
by forsaking the Lord your God
when he led you in the way? Now why go to Egypt
to drink water from the Nile? And why go to Assyria
to drink water from the Euphrates? Your wickedness will punish you;

your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God and have no awe of me," declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty.

Romans 8:24 | NIV

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?

1 Corinthians 15:19 | NIV

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

IMPLICATIONS

1. **Advent is the season of anticipation in the midst of darkness.**
2. **Our hope in Christ is His promise to meet us in our brokenness. We need no hope for what isn't broken.**
3. **In this season, we will be invited to put our hope in things that don't eternally matter.**
4. **God will not abandon us in our messes. We can endure because of this truth.**



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