

Jan 6, 2008
EPIPHANY SUNDAY A,B,C
Is 60: 1-6
Psalm 72
Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6
Mt 2: 1-12

The Wise Men were Gentiles – not Jews. The people of Israel should have embraced the long looked for Messiah. Sometimes, those who are nearest to the means are furthest from the end. The Wise Men call Christ the *King of the Jews*, as the Messiah was expected to be. The Shepard's spoke of this after they worshiped the new King. This news would have spread like fire!

These Gentile Kings tell King Herod that they have come to worship this King. Herod was no stranger to the prophecies to the Old Testament. Nothing can be more threatening than when Scripture is fulfilled.

Herod and Jerusalem were troubled from a mistaken notion that the heavenly kingdom of the Messiah would interfere with the secular powers. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Wise Men brought the child gifts. In 2008, what one gift can you place at the feet of Jesus? However, it might take an Epiphany so the gift is authentic and relevant and worthy of your giving it.

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