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Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from – "In the beginning…" (Gn 1:1) to "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!" (Rev 2:21) ™

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Epiphany of the Lord B

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6
Ephesians 3: 2 – 3a, 5 – 6
Matthew 2: 1 – 12

The feast of the Epiphany is the real deal. It is what great stories are made of.

Other than the baby Jesus who is the cornerstone - the most troublesome central character is actually *A Star in the East*.

Three kings (magi), from three different areas arrive in cosmic unison while following a star. They proclaim to King Herod that, "We saw his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage" (v 2b). Herod is not amused. Trickster that Herod is, he asks the kings to go and search for the child and bring him word.

Then the star rests over the place where Jesus is born. The magi worship Jesus and leave town via the road not taken to Herod. And the star is history.

However, the real storyline is the perfect metaphor of *light* - in contrast to darkness. Yet, they co-exist and you can't have one without the other. In truth, where real joy and light is found, you can rest assured that darkness and the devil is near by.

But you have to believe that light prevails and seek it out. Because "The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light, upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shown" (Is 9: 1).

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