

WHEN JESUS ARRIVES

January 7, 2024 Matthew 2:1-12 by Bob Branch
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Epiphany *Invisible God, now visible.*

“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.” **C.S. Lewis**

Magi:

The first to recognize Jesus as king.

BIG IDEA: Jesus’ arrival always creates a ripple effect—both then and now. If you were there, how *would* you respond to his coming? How *will* you respond to his coming now?

1. He will _____ people unlike you.

“Blessed to be a blessing to others.” See **Genesis 12:2**

A missionary nation.

The most unlikely people.

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them” **John 6:44**

2. He _____ things. (John 13)

“Didn’t see that coming.”

“Get used to different.”

“Come, Lord Jesus.” **Revelation 22:20**

3. He _____ allegiances and kings.

This baby is called King.

God’s very own son has come to earth to bring heaven’s kingdom here—with him.

He challenges our loves.

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” **Matthew 6:21**

Where are your treasures? What allegiances is he challenging today? What loves?

4. He will _____ like a shepherd.

“He will shepherd my people” (2:6; Micah 5:4)

The Shepherd King

The Servant King of **Isaiah 53**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” **John 10:11**

TAKE IT HOME:

¹ Pray daily for 2 who are radically different from you.

² Ask him to help you greet disruptions with grace.

³ Respond to him when he challenges what you love.

⁴ Bring 1-2 difficult things to him in surrender.