

# THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 3  
A Star and Treasures  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to help you pursue a more personal, ongoing relationship with Jesus.

### Opening

If your house caught on fire and you had just enough time to grab three things, what would you choose (*not* including people or pets)?

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 2:1–2](#) (from Reading #15).

1. Why was it *unexpected* that wise men from the east were in Jerusalem looking for Jesus?
2. How is having a relationship with Jesus like being on a search or a journey? Using one word describe your journey this past week.

Read [1 Chronicles 16:11](#).

3. How would you describe a person who *continually seeks God*?
4. Why is having a heart that seeks after God so essential?

Read [Matthew 2:3–8](#) (from Reading #15).

5. Who was King Herod, and why was he and *all Jerusalem* so disturbed?
6. Why do you think the good things of God are often opposed and surrounded by hardship?  
See also [Matthew 2:13–16](#) (Readings #16–17); [Acts 14:21–22](#).

Read [Matthew 2:9–11](#) (from Reading #15).

7. Have you ever had an interaction with God and been *overjoyed beyond measure* like the wise men? Describe that experience. What is the benefit of stopping to remember and reflect on those times? See also [Psalm 111:1–4](#).
8. What will you do to keep seeking God during the busy Christmas season?

### Soul Training

Each day this week, pray for at least one person you'll see over the Christmas holiday who needs to meet or reconnect with Jesus. Pray that God will reveal Himself to that person in a profound and life-changing way. Use these times of daily prayer to deepen your reliance on God.

### Memory Verse

*All the nations You have made will come and bow down before You, Lord, and will honor Your name. For You are great and perform wonders; You alone are God.*

[Psalm 86:9–10 \(HCSB\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Dec 19	13, 14		<a href="#">Mathew 1:25</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 2:21–38</a>
Dec 20	15		<a href="#">Matthew 2:1–12</a>
Dec 21	16, 17		<a href="#">Matthew 2:13–18</a>
Dec 22	18		<a href="#">Matthew 2:19–23</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 2:39–40</a>
Dec 23	19		<a href="#">Luke 2:41–52</a>

### Prepare for Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, worship at home with your family. Christmas at Home devotionals will be available Christmas Eve, online and on the Brookwood Church App to share with your family Christmas Day.



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