



"The Magi" - December 28, 2025
Sermon by Pastor Akash Ahuja

Group Leader Notes

What do you do when life feels late? Late for the milestone. Late for the relationship. Late for the breakthrough, you thought would already be here. In this message, we look at the Magi — travelers who arrived years after Christmas night, crossed borders as religious outsiders, faced delays, setbacks, and uncertainty... and yet still found joy, worship, and hope when they encountered Jesus. From Matthew 2 we discover: Why the Magi's journey speaks to anyone stuck in a long season of waiting How hope survives setbacks, silence, and apparent delays Why "late" is never the same as "too late" in God's economy How joy can appear before the destination, not just at the end Whether you feel behind, overlooked, delayed, or discouraged — this story reminds us that God's timing is never late, and an encounter with Jesus is never diminished by when it happens. With God, there is no such thing as too late.

Main Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Group Discussion

Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

1. **Where in your life do you currently feel like you're "waiting" or running behind your expected timeline?** How does the story of the Magi encourage you to hold onto hope in that season?
2. **The Magi were outsiders and arrived long after the shepherds, yet their worship was full of joy.** How does this challenge the way we think about being "too late" or not having the ideal spiritual story?
3. **The sermon contrasts the shepherds' clear, quick journey with the Magi's long, uncertain one.** When have you experienced a faith journey that felt more like the Magi's, and what helped (or could help) you trust God during delays?

Let's Pray

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