

UNEXPECTED

Matthew 2:1-3 and other Scriptures

If you aren't careful, you'll miss what God is doing around you

LET'S GET STARTED

If you could have visited Jerusalem right after Jesus was born and asked where to find him, no one would have had a clue. The Wise Men came seeking Jesus, but people only scratched their heads in confusion. In this message we want to see how to avoid missing out on what God is doing around us.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Matthew 2:1-3—¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

Who missed Jesus' birth, and why?

Herod, because he neither knew the _____ nor _____ what they said.

The Jews in Jerusalem, because they had _____ from God and had become _____.

Quotable

Everything in your Christian life, everything about knowing Him and experiencing Him, everything about knowing His will, depends on the quality of your love relationship to God.

—Henry Blackaby

There is no real knowing of God unless we know him through his Word. Otherwise, we are creating a God out of our imagination.

—Timothy Keller

If you would like to know more

Knowing God, by J. I. Packer (InterVarsity Press, 1993)

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HOW TO MISS WHAT GOD IS DOING

- _____ (1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4).
- _____ - _____ (Mark 7:6-8; 2 Timothy 4:3-4).
- _____ (Isaiah 59:2; Jeremiah 5:25).
- _____ (Jeremiah 6:10-11).
- _____ (Luke 10:38-42).

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

—*O Little Town of Bethlehem*, by Phillips Brooks

LET'S LIVE IT

Are you missing out on what God is doing around you? Ask Him to show you what's causing it, and resolve to make it right.

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