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**When Men Encounter a King
Matthew 2:1-12**

Introduction

There are many people we encounter throughout a lifetime. Many of them will be forgotten, but some remain current. The Magi were changed when they “saw the Messiah” and no doubt ever the same again. They worshipped and offered significant gifts to the Savior of the world. We also are on a life changing spiritual journey as we encounter Jesus the Messiah.

Discussion Questions

1. The wise men “saw the star” but more excitingly they “saw the Messiah”. Have you had any similar experience? What were some of your feelings in that experience?
2. David mentioned periods of silence we may encounter with God. Have you ever questioned God’s concern and care for you during those times? Was there something significant you learned?
3. David referred to the familiar song “Silent Night”. How has this song made an impact on you and your perspective of the Christmas story?
4. God is always arranging the story behind the story. Have you personally experienced this or know of others who have? How can you relate this to your spiritual journey?
5. There are over 300 prophecies about Christ coming to this world. How does this encourage you in view of our world’s situation and the second coming of Christ?
6. God is never further than a thought or prayer away. Has this been evident in a particular circumstance that you have recently experienced?
7. God broke the silence by sending Jesus Christ as “redeeming grace” for every person. Have you experienced that “redeeming grace”?

Conclusion

“God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:8-10