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Be Jesus Ready #4

## Share LIGHT Ignited by Worship!

Christmas invites us to **follow God** who became human...

<sup>2</sup> *The people walking in darkness have seen **a great light**;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...*

<sup>6</sup> *For to us a **child is born**, to us a **son is given**,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**  
**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...***

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

God to his people: Don't fear, Messiah is coming!

Angel to Mary & Joseph: Don't be afraid!

Angel to Shepherds: Don't be afraid!

Spirit to Magi & Herod: Messiah Jesus is here; worship him!

### ➤ Herod Responds

<sup>1</sup> *After **Jesus** was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time  
of King Herod, **Wise men** from the east came to Jerusalem.*

<sup>2</sup> *and asked, "Where is **the one** who has been **born king** of the Jews?  
We saw his star when it rose and have come **to worship him**."*

<sup>3</sup> *When **King Herod** heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem  
with him. <sup>4</sup> *When he called together all the people's chief priests and  
teachers of the law, he asked them **where** the Christ was to be born.**

<sup>5</sup> *"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied...*

<sup>7</sup> *Then Herod called **the Magi** secretly and found out from them  
the **exact time** the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> *He sent them to Bethlehem  
and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as  
you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and **worship him**."**

### ➤ Magi Respond

<sup>9</sup> *After they heard King Herod, they went on their way, and **the star**  
they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over  
the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> *When the Magi **saw the star**,  
they were **overjoyed**.**

<sup>11</sup> *On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary,  
and **bowed down** and **worshiped him**. Then the Magi  
**opened their treasures** and **presented to him** gifts of gold  
and of incense and of myrrh.*

**Matthew 2:1-11**

### ➤ We Get to Respond...

God calls us to worship Jesus with all ourselves!

God calls us to love others, sharing Jesus' light!

## Crossroads Church

*Discovering Life Connected with God!*

### Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ  
connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

### Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission  
through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment  
to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves,  
according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

### Our Commitment

#### Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.  
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

#### Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.  
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

#### Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.  
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

#### Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.  
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

#### Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.  
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

## Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that  
actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission  
to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"