

THAT ALL
MAY KNOW





*It is in God's heart for all to be
reconciled to Him & know Him*



THE SHEPHERDS

UNLIKELY RECIPIENTS

LUKE 2:8-20

THE SHEPHERDS



- Living in the vicinity of Bethlehem
- Important in Jewish culture but not respected
- Often overlooked/marginalized
- Represent the marginalized/overlooked in our world



*We must never allow the lines drawn
by the world and culture to determine
the extent of our outreach*

A person stands in a dark cave, holding a flashlight that illuminates the rocky floor. Several large, colorful beams of light (blue, purple, orange) shine from above, creating a dramatic atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this scene.

THE MAGI

SEEKING WORSHIPPERS

MATTHEW 2:1-18

THE MAGI



Common misconceptions

- Thought to be kings
- Assumed to be three because there were three gifts
- Often part of the nativity scene in postcards and pictures

THE MAGI



- Most likely from Persia
- Astrologers likely influenced by Daniel
- Represent people who are genuinely seeking



God speaks to us in a way we understand



*Every effort made to share the Gospel is a seed sown.
Never stop sowing!*



HEROD

A HARDENED HEART

MATTHEW 2:3, 7-8, 16-18

HEROD



- Roman ruler over Jerusalem and the Jews
- Known to be a builder but also a harsh ruler
- Encountered the Magi who went to his palace in search for the king

HEROD



- Disturbed by this news
- Sought teachers of the law and met with the Magi to kill off the threat to this throne
- Represents people who are antagonistic or opposed to Jesus and the Gospel



*The burden to reach the lost must outweigh
the fear of a negative response to the Gospel*

THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW
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UNAWARE FOLLOWERS

MATTHEW 2:1-18



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