



The Wiser Men

Matthew 2:1-12 (Casting Call #5)

1-3-21

1. In the story of the Magi, we see God's gracious gift of _____.

- A. _____ revelation - the display of God in nature, the created realm.
- B. _____ revelation - the display of God through his recorded word.

"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened."

Romans 1:18-21, NIV

- C. Sin always keeps us from _____ and _____ God and his goodness. Therefore, _____ is necessary for salvation from sin.

"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe." Hebrews 1:1-2, NIV

2. What is Mathew telling us about God's _____?

- A. We are not being told we can find God's revelation _____.

"If I have regarded the sun in its radiance or the moon moving in splendour, so that my heart was secretly enticed and my hand offered them a kiss of homage, then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high." Job 31:26-28, NIV

- B. We are being shown that God uses general and special revelation to draw _____ to himself.
- C. The center of all God's word is the _____! Jesus is the _____ Word, the _____ Revelation.

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." Hebrews 1:1-3, NIV

- D. The center of our faith is not a race, or a nation, or a history, or political party. It is a _____.