

eXplain it
(2nd Sunday after Christmas)

Genesis 46:1-7 (Joseph Brings His Family to Egypt)
Psalm 77:11-20 (The Deeds of the Lord)
1 Peter 4:12-19 (Don't Be Surprised by Suffering)
Matthew 2:1-23 (The Magi and the Flight to Egypt)

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**Twelve Days of Christmas and
then the Epiphany**

"manifestation"
January 6th

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Time Table and Events

(Luke 2)
8th Day: Circumcision and Naming of Jesus
40th Day: Presentation in the Temple

(Matthew 2)
Arrival of the Magi
Flee to Egypt
Slaughter of the Holy Innocents

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Coming of the Magi
13th Day? (Epiphany)
During the 40 Days of Purification?
Two Years?

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Matthew 2:1-23
(the coming of Magi and flight to Egypt)

“fulfilled”

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Matthew 2:1-2: After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 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." (NIV)

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**Gentiles in search
of the "King of the Jews"**

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**Matthew 2:3: When King Herod heard this he
was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. (NIV)**

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**King Herod
fulfillment = foreign king over the Jews**

**Genesis 49:10 The scepter will not depart from
Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his
feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the
obedience of the nations is his. (NIV)**

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"I would rather be Herod's swine than Herod's son." (Caesar Augustus)

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The King and His Kingdom

vs.

the kingdoms of this world

(Psalm 2)

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Psalm 2:1 "Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. (NIV)

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The world's welcome of "The King" ...

**threatened and fearful
deceit and treachery
orders to attack and annihilate
hostility, persecution, cross and suffering
God's provision and protection
plans thwarted and frustration**

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**Matthew 2:4-6: When he had called together all
the people's chief priests and teachers of the
law, he asked them where the Christ was to be
born. (NIV)**

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Search the Scriptures ...

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Matthew 2:5-6: "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

" 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.' " (NIV)

(Micah 5:2)

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searching the Scriptures ...

to destroy and kill the King
to know (but not follow) the King
seek, find and worship the King

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Matthew 2:11-12: On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (NIV)

gold for a king
incense for a priest
myrrh for the sacrificial death

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Matthew 2:12-13: And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."(NIV)

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Matthew 2:14-15: So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet:

"Out of Egypt I called my son."(NIV)

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Matthew 2:16:
16When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. (NIV)

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Isaiah 53:3: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (NIV)

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“familiar with suffering”

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1 Peter 4:12-13: Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. (NIV)

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1 Peter 4:19: So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. (NIV)

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Isaiah 53:4-5: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (NIV)

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