

Moments of Worship – Magi

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Matthew 2:10-11

'They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.' (v11)

Can you imagine the scene – the magi had been looking for the new King that they heard had been born, they had asked those whom they thought could help them but to no avail, so they followed the star that went ahead of them with great joy and excitement and now they had arrived. I wonder what they thought when they noticed where it had stopped – was this right? Could this new king really have been born here?

Yet, having entered, once their eyes fell upon the Christ child with his mother, in that heartbeat, was the impact was so great they could do nothing else but bow down in worship? Did they kneel before Jesus, anticipating the day when 'at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2:10-11)

He was the Messiah, and they were in the room, that lowly, simple room, and in that moment their hearts were changed and their lives would never be the same for we know that they returned by a different route.

We are told that after bowing down in worship, they then offered their gifts (Matthew 2:11).

What a privilege is ours that we too can still search and find Jesus today. I wonder if you can remember your first encounter with Him – that moment you fell to your knees in worship and your heart was changed?

May our hearts rejoice this Christmas as we celebrate that God himself has come to be with us in our room, wherever that may be, and may we too offer him our all ...

*Sing, rejoice in Jesus' birth,
For God in Christ has come to earth!
(Sing Gloria! Yvonne Field)*

