

O HOLY NIGHT

December 21, 2025



BIG IDEA

In a world searching for meaning, a heavenly sweetness draws us to a revelation of Christ and His glory.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-11

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Ps 19:1, Hs 2:23

RESOURCES

Advent: The Season of Hope, by Tish Harrison Warren

Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ, by Timothy Keller

The Christbook Matthew 1-12, by Frederick Dale Bruner.

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?
4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon, what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture, what stood out to you?

There is a deep longing in every human heart, reflected in the song lyric "Long lay the world in sin and error pining." What are some ways you've experienced this kind of inner longing in your own life, and how has it pointed you toward (or away from) God?

When the Magi finally saw Jesus, they "fell down and worshiped Him" (Matt 2:11). What does true worship look like in response to encountering Christ? Why is "falling on our knees" the natural reaction?

The Magi opened their treasures and gave costly gifts in response to meeting Jesus. What "treasures" (time, resources, abilities, etc.) or what areas in your life do you hold on to that he is asking you to release?

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.