
Did you Miss the Messiah?

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."

Two important actions from the Magi:

They saw the star.

They recognized its importance.

"We need to look at the areas of our life where God is present. We also need to look at the areas where we do not notice Him, but know that He is there."

-Heather Hicks

God is working in, through, & around each of us all the time.

Are we seeing it?

Are we recognizing it?

Two things enable us to miss the Messiah:

#1 – Being BUSY

This is a time of the year that is busy for all of us. We move from one holiday to the next, and the time seems to slip right past us.

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself?

Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Are there areas in your life where you are so busy, that you could miss what the Lord is doing?

Solution: Slowing down and look for Him and seek to recognize His presence.

Two things enable us to miss the Messiah:

#2 – Our preconceived idea

Case in point the Pharisees.

They missed Him even though He was standing before them.

God is not limited by our box.

1 Kings 19:11-13

The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Elijah put down any preconceived ideas, and by doing so he Saw and Recognized the Lord's presence, and did not miss it.

Luke 24:13-33

As we enter this New Year I want to challenge you and encourage you to be like the Magi. Look for and Recognize the Lord working in, through, & around you on a daily basis.