

FINDING JESUS THROUGH WORSHIP

Today I want to talk to you about FINDING JESUS through worship

Matthew 2:11 – 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, frankincense and myrrh. (NIV)

These kings the Magi came a long way... a two year journey

Q TCC- How was your journey been this year...lately.... this morning

- We all come differently... individually... with one thing in common... at some point we put our faith in Jesus Christ

The wise men came to the house to worship Him, and right here, right now, you are here to worship Him.

- It's the journey... but you are here... now we worship
- Here to find Jesus not as Savior... but to experience His manifest presence

Finding Jesus is seeing Jesus for who He is

...they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and **worshiped Him**.

Saw the child- sought Him for a long time but now face to face...

When you see Him for who He really is... more than a baby, but as the Son of God, our Savior, Christ the Lord... we open our treasures!

- Our hearts ... minds ... resources... our present and our future to Him because we have seen Him.

John 1:14...and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (NKJV)

Mark 8:27, 29- Who do men say that I am?... Peter said, "You are the Christ the Son of the living God." (NKJV)

TCC- This is where we cross the line from belief to abandonment, to lay ourselves bare before Him...

- He becomes our **center**... we can't get enough of **His house**... we live to **please Him** ... to further **His cause**... The world is now seen through their need for Him.

For Mary it was ... my soul magnifies the Lord... be it unto me according to His word

- Overshadowed by the Holy Spirit...**A virgin conceiving**...Just crazy
 - Which becomes the **fountainhead miracle**... for every other miracle to be possible
 - Which truly unlocks the door to Salvation
 - **She crossed that line and said yes**... be it unto me according to your word

For Mary.... That threshold between **belief to being**... **pregnant with God's Son**

- The embodiment of the Christian existence

TCC- you and I carry the presence of the Lord... impregnated with the presence of the Son of God

- The journey we walk should and **will be uncommon**... misunderstood...undervalued ...
- ...we see HIM FOR WHO He is it changes... transforms our perspectives... rearranges our day... redirects our energies...

1 John 3:2 – "Beloved, now we are children of God... We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, **because we will see Him just as He is.** (NASB)

Q Have you crossed that line?

- for the wise men...**When they saw the child... they bowed down and worshipped**

Isaiah 6:1- I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple."

- Changed the trajectory of His life!!... went from believer to prophet

TCC- Seeing Jesus is finding Jesus through worship

Finding Jesus is full transparency

... they **bowed down** and **worshipped Him** . Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Bowed down... Kings bowing to The King... open display of true surrender and humility. And then they **opened their treasures... ultimate act of Worship**

Q. What treasure in your life do you need to open to Jesus?

- The shepherds worshipped... the angels worshipped... Mary worshipped... Anna and Simon worshipped

Matthew 6:21... where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (NLT)

- This is worship ... when **we value Him more** than what we naturally place value on and we lay it at His feet

Worship is the most sincere expressions of our Christian belief, because **we are those** who have never seen and yet still believe

Worship **bridges the gap** between the natural and the spiritual realm

- In worship there is a clash between our senses (our natural realities) and the Spiritual reality that we carry inside our born-again spirit

But the fact that we come to this place to worship...

- giving our hearts through our voice, fellowship, praying, giving... to a God we cannot see
- belonging to a kingdom we have never visited...
- reliance on a Savior's death burial and resurrection that sounds too fantastic to be true...

TCC...this is Worship... Tangible faith **-the substance of things hoped for...** Worship is **the evidence of things not seen...** worship is faith at its very core.

This is where we truly encounter Him ... we find Jesus through worship

Worship is boundless

John 3:1-3 – Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know You are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs You are doing if God were not with Him." ³ In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. (NIV)

Religious leader... member of the ruling counsel...

- Went to the finest rabbinical schools...
- respected in His Community
- Devoted His entire life to the scriptures... and is now still seeking

The message is God loves you...Accept His love today... meet Him again for the very first time!!

TCC- We all need to meet Him again for the first time... through worship... take another look

Worship is for everyone

John 4:7-25 – A woman from Samaria came to get some water. Jesus said to her, "Will you give Me a drink..."

- This woman had been married 5 times.... Living in an adulterous relationship with a 6th
- A person who knew the sorrow of broken trust... broken relationship... broken heart
 - Never thought life would go the way it did
 - No one intentionally goes into a marriage with divorce on their mind...
 - But here she is... Take heart- Jesus offers her living water...

23 ...True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. They are the kind of worshipers the Father is looking for.

- **TCC- Worship ... true worship catches God's eye**
 - She runs through the streets... telling everyone I have found the Christ

The message: To a person of repeated heartache over broken relationship – God wants a real/true relationship with you through worship!!! A relationship that will never be broken.

Two different people- two different cultures... two completely different backgrounds

- Same message:

Luke 2:10 – “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy *that will be for all the people.* (NIV)

Point: God wants everyone to worship Him

- The woman caught in adultery... Rich young ruler... Fisherman... Zacchaeus the tax collector...
- Children on his lap... ...the widow bringing all she had to the temple
- Roman centurion who sought healing for His daughter

Wise men loaded with gifts and shepherds- the working poor sleeping outside, with no gift to bring but themselves All very different... All seekers all worshippers

Finding Jesus is seeing Him for who He is

Finding Jesus means crossing the line to worship Him...

Finding Jesus is opening our treasures before Him

Jesus wants everyone to find Him