



Advent Week 4

Day 23, Monday, December 20th

"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 when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2

"We have come to worship him" was the reason the Magi gave as to why they came to see Jesus. They came to worship not just any king, but a king who came to bring change to the world.

How can we worship Jesus in a way that brings change to the world around us? It's not about a song. It's not about a religious ritual. Real worship and real change happen when we sacrifice our time, our money, and our own plans and priorities. Our faith is increased when we understand the power of sacrifice.

Like the Magi came to worship him Jesus, we can come to worship him and bring change to the world through our willingness to sacrifice.

The Magi sacrificed time and personal wealth to worship Jesus. They honored him with what they had. We may not have the same resources that the Magi had, but we have something. The value of our worship is measured by our willingness to present what we have.

REFLECT: How will you truly worship the King Jesus this year? What can you sacrifice to bring change to someone's life?

PRAYER: Jesus, help me to have a spirit of worship this Advent season. Use my resources, my talents, and my gifts to serve others in your name. Amen.

