

Unfoldings

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Arrivals

Arrivals can change the status quo. Announced arrivals imply intention and purpose. Unannounced arrivals are surprises that can bring joy or consternation.

During this time some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

Jesus' arrival impacted different people differently. After nine months of pondering the intention of God, Mary knew the birth of Jesus was imminent. The wise men also expected the king baby's arrival. However, Herod was completely surprised and angered. And another question surfaces, did Jesus expect his own arrival?

Put yourself in the above image. What might it feel to be that small again? Or to have one's feet held tenderly? What might Jesus have experienced as The Infinite arrived within The Finite?

I find that looking forward to Christmas, to the arrival of another celebration of Jesus' birth, can bring joy of His Presence and consternation for our culture which drains meanings from the glorious.

As life unfolds for you today, how might the above passage encourage you to walk with God as your day unfolds? What perspectives or attitudes might this passage impact your day?

Are you a parent, mentor, friend or grandparent? Consider sharing this passage and image as a way to encourage others to walk with God as life unfolds for them today.

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