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“Caution”

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Series: “Signs of the Season”

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 (NIV)

† **Guided by a celestial light, the Magi or “Wise Men” came from far away in search of a king**

As you listened to the monologue from one of the “Wise Men” today, what is it about the magi and his story that stands out to you the most; that you can perhaps relate to?

Have you ever searched for someone special? How successful were you in finding him or her? How did you feel?

† **The Magi were overjoyed to find the one they searched for, and bowing to him presented gifts fit for a king (Matthew 2:10-11)**

Have you found Jesus? What is he to you? How have you responded to encountering him?

† **Warned in a dream, they returned home with caution by a different route**

“And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” (Matthew 2:12)

In “returning” to your “everyday” life in this new year after the Christmas Season ended, are there people or things you need to avoid or aspects of your life where caution is needed?

How does having a knowledge and sense of God’s presence help you?

May your encounter and knowledge of Jesus Christ lift your heart and spirit all through this year and all of your days!