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Matthew 2: Blind Faith – part 2

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Matthew 2

Prophecies fulfilled about the birth of Jesus

1. He would be born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23 / Isaiah 7:14)
2. He would be born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:5 / Micah 5:2)
3. He would spend his early years in Egypt (Matthew 2:15 / Hosea 11:1)
4. He would be marked for death (Matthew 2:17 / Jeremiah 31:15)
5. He would grow up in Nazareth (Matthew 2:23 / Isaiah 11:1)

Blind Faith:

What can we learn from Joseph and Mary

1. _____ in and _____ in God's supernatural power
2. Rely on God's _____ to act in wisdom
3. Understand God's _____ to, and _____ of, His Word
4. Be _____ to _____ His Word

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What does the word faith mean to you?
3. Read the following verses: Proverbs 3:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:1, Hebrews 11:6, Ephesians 2:8-9. What do these verses tell us about the importance of faith?
4. Can you remember a time when you had no idea about a particular outcome and had to have faith that it would work out? If so, explain.
5. As we saw in the first part of Matthew 1 and again in Matthew 2, God used some very evil people to accomplish His purposes.
 - Why do you think God used someone as evil as Herod in the birth of Jesus story?
6. What was your reaction to the mathematical analysis performed by Dr. Peter Stoner?
 - What does that analysis say about Jesus?
7. Did Matthew 2 challenge you in any way? If so, how?
8. What impresses you most about Joseph and Mary's story?
9. How is your faith in the Lord? Are there specific areas of your life that could use more faith?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 2) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?