

# December 7, 2025

The Journey

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**Matthew 2, Luke 2**

**Key Point:** \_\_\_\_\_ through obedience and challenges

**The Journey**

- ✓ God will provide and make a way through seemingly \_\_\_\_\_ situations.
- ✓ God's provision is never \_\_\_\_\_. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for what we need in that moment.
- ✓ God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is always perfect.

**Discovery within the journey**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to what was revealed
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News
3. \_\_\_\_\_ out of the overflow

C.S. Lewis

*"Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns but will not encourage us to mistake them for home."*

Max Lucado

*"God never said the journey would be easy, but He did say the arrival would be worthwhile."*

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## Sermon Talks

1. Read Matthew 2 and Luke 2:1-20 to start your study time.
2. Think of a long trip you took. Did you do anything fun to pass the time? What are your snacks of choice on those trips?
3. List some ways that God provided for Joseph and Mary on their journey to the manger. How did God provide for the shepherds and the Magi on their journey?
4. Can you think of a time when God provided for you in what seemed like an impossible situation?
5. What do you think Joseph and Mary discovered in their journey? How about the shepherds and the Magi?
6. What is God wanting you to discover in your journey? How can you use that to spread the Good News of Jesus?
7. C.S. Lewis said, *"Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns but will not encourage us to mistake them for home."* What do you think he meant by that?
8. In what ways has the gift of Jesus been good news and great joy in your life, and what are some practical ways you can share that gift with others?
9. The shepherds had to arrange for care of their flocks and travel a distance to see Jesus, but they did not delay to obey. Is there anything God is calling you to do that you are delaying rather than obeying?
10. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you that will require faith in action?
11. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.

## Further Study

1. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17, Isaiah 7:14, and Micah 5:2. What prophecies were fulfilled through Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. What did Jesus give up to come to us as a baby in a manger?