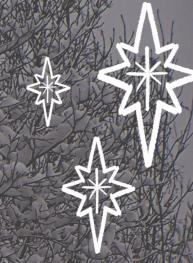
Welcome to Calvary Church, Brighton





"All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet "- Matthew 1:22

This Christmas Day the speaker is Philip Wells

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"Jesus - the baby King"

The magi who saw the star ...

- This is the next thing Matthew tells us in order to portray Jesus our Saviour
- Skip to the end...
 - Jesus ends up, neither
 - · in central Jerusalem,
 - · nor royal Bethlehem,
 - · but in skanky Nazareth
 - · (but even that is fulfilment!)





"Jesus - the baby King"

- 4 Things about the magi (+ve & -ve)
- 1. They are f_r_gn
 - And after all the deeply Jewish stuff!
 - Was he right?
 - Clue God is now calling all nations to himself!
- 2. They are m_sgu-d_d
 - Stars are treated with great suspicion!
 - But they do get guidance from reliable
 Scripture



"Jesus - the baby King"

Things about the magi (+ve & -ve)

- 3. They are (unknowingly) d_g_r_s
 - Because of their input
 - Magi decide to ______
 - Joseph has to _____
 - Families suffer
 - · as Herod King of Jews turns into Pharoah king of Egypt!
 - · (We might actually think life would have been simpler without their input!)
- 4. They do seek to w_r_h_p the King, and bring him their riches!
- God makes it all turn to his purposes
 - = ==> he can use unusual, odd, contrary things for his glory
 - ==> he is interested in unusual, odd, contrary people in his kingdem
 - ==> but at the centre of everything, is Jesus

