

December 15 - Frank Pifer

Read: Matthew 2:1-2

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea. He was born during the reign of King Herod. After he was born, some wise men came to Jerusalem. The wise men asked the people, "Where is the king of the Jews? We saw the star that shows he was born. We saw the star rise in the sky in the east. We came to worship Him."

God does the unexpected! There was no way anyone would suspect, much less expect, that Easterners would come to worship a Jewish King, especially a baby one. No normal person would have expected a King to be born in Bethlehem—a small town that was quite insignificant. No Israelite that was a faithful one, would have ever believed astrologers would be led to the true God through their false, stargazing worship. Remember, that God does not have to do things the way normal people do. Aren't we glad that he sent Jesus as his greatest Surprise!

God of the journey, you have chosen us as your children and called to deepen our trust in your promises. Like the Magi, may our journey guide us into your heart of love, discover the truth about life, and then offer ourselves in your service in Jesus' name. Amen