

A Message for the Magi



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We three kings from Orient are....



Actually, we are Magi: Zoroastrian priests from Persia, who are experts in astrology



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The Gospel of Matthew

was written from a Jewish perspective, for a Jewish Jesus-followers audience

- ❖ An account of the genealogy, of Jesus, the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 1:1
- ❖ So all the generations from Abraham to David, from David to exile, and from exile to the messiah was each 14 generations. 1:17
- ❖ Now , the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. 1:18
- ❖ “You are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 1:22
- ❖ “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?” 2:2

So, Why is it Matthew who tells the story of the Magi?

- ❖ About that time some Magi from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” 2:1-2

لأنه هكذا أحب الله العالم حتى بذل
ابنه الوحيد لكي لا يهلك كل من
يؤمن به بل تكون له الحياة الأبدية

परमेश्वर को जगत से इतना प्रेम था कि उसने
अपने एकमात्र पुत्र को दे दिया, ताकि हर वह आदमी जो
उसमें विश्वास रखता है, नष्ट न हो जाये बल्कि उसे
अमर जीवन मिल जाये।

因为，上帝
非常爱世人，
他甚至献出
了自己唯一
的儿子，以
便使每一个
信仰他（儿
子）的人不
会灭亡，而
获永生。

神は、その独り子をお与えになったほどに、
世を愛された。独り子を信じる者が一
人も滅びないで、永遠の命を得るためである。



Car Dieu a tant
aimé le monde
qu'il a donné son
Fils unique, afin
que quiconque
croit en lui
ne périsse point
mais qu'il ait
la vie éternelle

Vì Đức Chúa Trời yêu thương thế gian,
đến nỗi đã ban Con một của Ngài,
hầu cho hễ ai tin Con ấy không bị
hư mất mà được sự sống đời đời.

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν
κόσμον

John 3:16

gar egapesen ho theos ton kosmon

Emmanuel: God with (all of) us

God speaks to all people in a
language and in a way that
they can culturally understand.
Our God isn't just "our God";
he is Lord of the whole earth.

Source: <https://jtbarts.com/gallery/john-3-16-in-many-different-world-languages/>



God spoke to Zoroastrian priests from within their own religious context: without Hebrew Scripture, without travelling Evangelists, but through reading the stars.

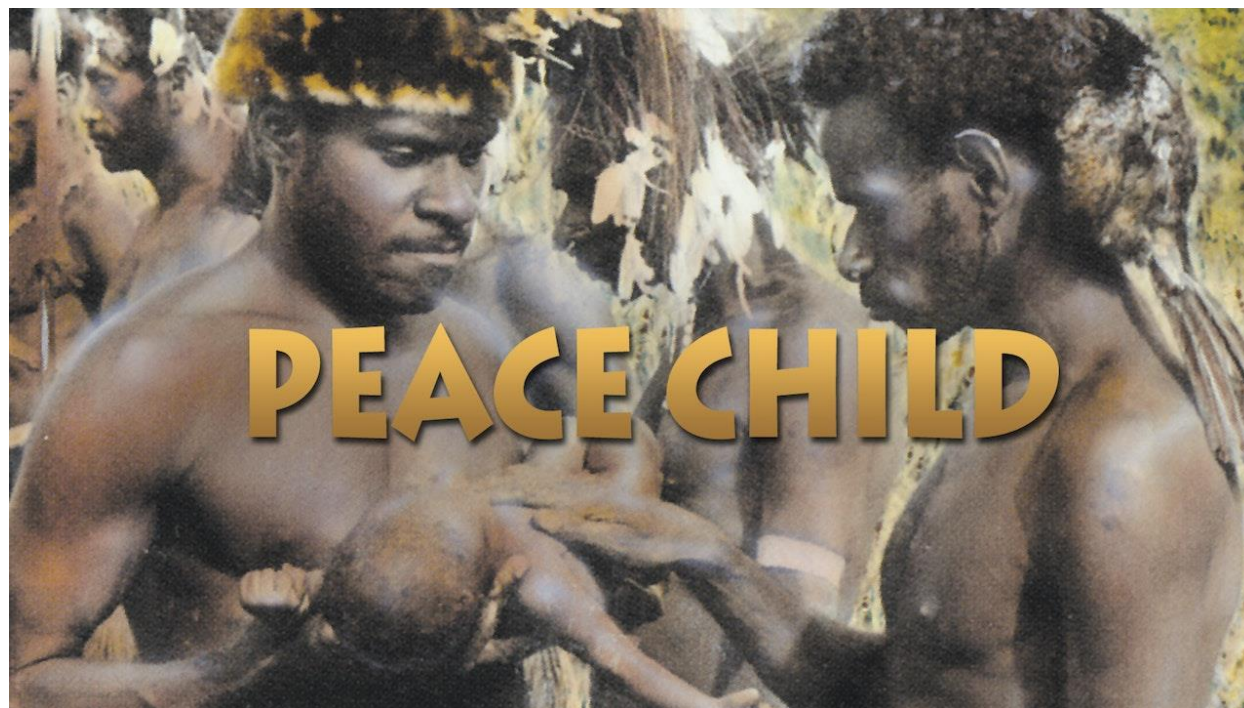
Can you imagine someone finding God in the Horoscope pages of the *Advertiser*?

We have seen his star...

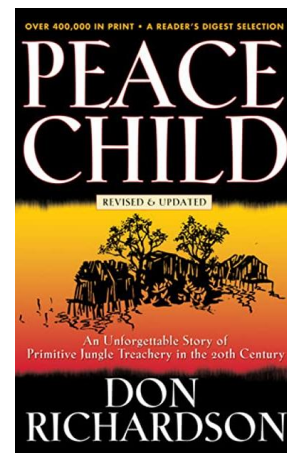
The Magi entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, **and they bowed down and worshiped him.** Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

God speaks to all people in a language and in a way that they can culturally understand.



Look. Listen. Discover where God is already at work.
Our God isn't just "our God"; he is Lord of the whole earth.



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The first people to worship Jesus were pagan priests who learnt about Jesus through astrology.

God continues to speak to all people in a language and in a way that they can culturally understand. We need to learn their language and God's way.



Dear Magi,
See you soon!
Love, God.