

The Season of Epiphany

Epiphany, which means **to show**, is a season of light, when [Jesus Christ](#) is **shown** to be the light of the world. During Epiphany, God is made manifest (made obvious) through the flesh and blood presence of his son, Jesus, on earth.

During the Season of Epiphany, we follow the [Wise Men](#) (also called *Magi*) as they follow the [star](#) to Bethlehem to find the Baby Jesus. We also follow the disciples as they learn to follow Jesus. We answer the question, "What does it mean to follow Jesus; what does it mean to go His way?"

The first celebration during Epiphany is the day of Epiphany itself, which Western Christians celebrate on January 6. That day, the festival of light, celebrates the visit of the three Wise Men to the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem. They may have come from the west, perhaps Iran, and followed a star in the sky which led them to Bethlehem.

On January 7, Christians celebrate the [baptism](#) of Jesus by [John the Baptist](#) in the River Jordan. The Holy Spirit descended from heaven in the form of a dove, the heavens opened, and a voice spoke, saying, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Jesus was **shown** to the crowds at the Jordan to be the Son of God.

Jesus was revealed as God on earth in the [Transfiguration](#), when he was **shown** to be God to his disciples, as he was accompanied by Moses and Elijah on the mountaintop.

Beginning with the star that guided the Wise Men to Bethlehem, God fills the lives of Christians with his holy light during Epiphany so that his light can shine through them into the world.