



Riverbluff Church Listening Guide January 2, 2022

WHAT WOULD LIFE “ALL IN FOR JESUS” LOOK LIKE IN 2022?

Matthew 2:1-16 (ESV)

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a Ruler who will Shepherd my people Israel.”” 7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

FOLLOWING WISE MEN AS THEY FOLLOWED JESUS

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

They went “all in” _____ !

Matthew 2:1-2 (ESV)

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

Jeremiah 29:13-14 (ESV)

“You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.
I will be found by you, declares the LORD...”

1 Chronicles 22:19 (NASB)

"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God...

Luke 11:9-10 (ESV)

“And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

They went “all in” _____ !

Matthew 2:9-10 (ESV)

“After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.
When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”

Philippians 4:4-5 (ESV)

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.
Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.
The Lord is at hand...”

Psalms 5:11 (CEV)

“Let all who run to you for protection always sing joyful songs...and let them rejoice.”

They went “all in” _____ !

Matthew 2:11 (ESV)

“And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

John 4:24 (ESV)

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Matthew 2:11 (ESV)

“And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Genesis 28:22 (TLB)

“And this memorial pillar shall become a place for worship;
and I will give You back a tenth of everything You give me!”

1 Chronicles 16:29 (NLT2)

“Give to the LORD the glory He deserves!
Bring your offering and come into His Presence.
Worship the LORD in all His Holy Splendor.”

They went “all in” _____!

Matthew 2:12 (ESV)

“And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.”

Luke 11:28 (HCSB)

“Those who hear the word of God and keep it are blessed!”

Psalms 119:1 (NIV)

“Blessed are they...who walk according to the law of the LORD.”

Deuteronomy 30:10 (NLT2)

The LORD your God will delight in you if you obey His voice.”

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NLT2)

“ Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets.
And now in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son...
The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God...”

Hebrews 2:1-2 (NLT2)

“So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. For the message
God delivered through angels has always stood firm...”

Hebrews 3:7-8 (NLT2)

“That is why the Holy Spirit says, “Today when you hear His voice,
don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled...”

They went “all in” _____ !

Matthew 2:12 (ESV)

“And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.”

Luke 9:23 (AMP)

“And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also].”

Matthew 19:29 (MSG)

“Anyone who sacrifices home, family, fields—whatever—because of Me will get it all back a hundred times over, not to mention the considerable bonus of eternal life.

Mark 10:43-45 (ESV)

“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 2:13-15 (ESV)

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”