

LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU

This feast of the Epiphany of the Lord places us once again before the mystery of a God who chooses to reveal himself in the history of humanity. He chooses to make himself present by becoming incarnate in the people of Israel, not so that this people would hold him captive, but so that from there the Lord might enlighten all nations.

And this manifestation (which is the meaning of Epiphany) helps us to understand God's universal vocation, which is to make himself visible and present in every heart.

*This feast of the Epiphany is also known as the Feast of the Three Wise Men, these figures from the East, who, because of their scientific knowledge, were considered Magi, from the Hebrew word *magi*, meaning wise men. They were men knowledgeable in science, but their hearts also longed to know the Messiah, the King of the Jews, and that is why they set out on their journey to meet Jesus.*

That is why, knowing that Jesus is king, they first go to Herod's palace to look for him there. However, upon discovering that their human criteria are not God's criteria, they decide to follow the star that will guide them to Jesus.

God does not manifest himself in power or wonder; he manifests himself in simplicity and humility, as we have been discovering throughout the mystery of Christmas. God chooses a human family for the birth of his son, and the presence of Jesus in the manger reminds us of this simplicity of God.

This humility and simplicity stand in opposition to Herod's pride, his desire to seek the king by force.

From all of the above, we can understand that to have an encounter with Jesus, we must step outside ourselves, change our criteria, and set out on the journey. It is to let the light of the star of faith guide us and lead us to him, for Jesus continues to reveal himself to all nations, to all humanity.

The true encounter with Jesus, like that of the kings, culminates in presenting ourselves before him, to worship him as true God and true man; as the King of our lives.

Let us ask for the intercession of Mary Most Holy so that she may obtain for us a true transformation of mind and heart, allowing us to recognize Jesus as the true light, the way, and the life. Amen.