



Epiphany came first

Even before Christians celebrated Christmas, they observed the Feast of Epiphany. What did the day mean to them?

First things first

- What does “epiphany” mean in common usage?

- What did it describe in ancient Christianity?
 - 1) In the Eastern or Orthodox Church

 - 2) In the Western or Roman Catholic Church

 - 3) In churches from which we have evolved

Why do you think that Christians in the West tend to observe Epiphany by focusing upon the coming of the Magi?

About those Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)

My personal “epiphany” about Epiphany

- Very foreign foreigners described

- The Good News applied to them!

A choice missional text for the day (2 Corinthians 2:14-16)

- Why do we work so hard to smell good?

- It's possible for a fragrance to be too much of a good thing

- A good smell is not fragrant to *everyone*

Jesus said, "if I am _____...I will draw all people to myself" (John 12:32)

Epiphany is a mission-focused day—not in the sense of _____ on mission, but of _____ on mission.

