



wednesday, january 06, 2015-7:00 pm
the open door ~ contemporary worship

...in a religion born in a barn, an open door goes without saying

welcome & announcements

opening song & prayer

"arise, shine"

chris martirano

song

"arise"

matthew 2:1-12 [msg]

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%202:1-12&version=MSG>

*1-2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory—
this was during Herod's kingship—
a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East.
They asked around,
"Where can we find and pay homage
to the newborn King of the Jews?
We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth.
We're on pilgrimage to worship him."*

*3-4 When word of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—
and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem as well.
Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests
and religion scholars in the city together and asked,
"Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"*

*5-6 They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory.
The prophet Micah wrote it plainly:*

It's you, Bethlehem, in Judah's land,

no longer bringing up the rear.

From you will come the leader

who will shepherd-rule my people, my Israel."

*7-8 Herod then arranged a secret meeting with the scholars
from the East.*

Pretending to be as devout as they were,

he got them to tell him exactly when

the birth-announcement star appeared.

Then he told them the prophecy about Bethlehem, and said,

"Go find this child. Leave no stone unturned.

As soon as you find him, send word

and I'll join you at once in your worship."

9-10 Instructed by the king, they set off.

