

The main point of the Epiphany season is for the faithful to come to look for God in the ordinary, and anticipate seeing Divine life in people all around them. The Epiphany (old Greek for “appearing,” or “to make manifest”) is marked by three events in the life of Jesus that show Him to be Divine. These events are the coming of the Magi led by the star to the crib of the infant Christ; the Baptism of Jesus when God’s voice states, “This is my Son, the beloved;” and the changing of the water into wine at the wedding in Cana – Jesus’ mastery over all life and creation is on display.

Epiphany also makes it clear that if we hang out with Jesus; then pretty soon we start to act, talk, and love like Jesus. The scriptures are full of examples: St Peter, he betrays witnesses to the Risen Christ at the point of death, and demands to be crucified upside down as he is not worthy to die in like manner as Christ. Zacheus invites Jesus to his home (where he shows off the wealth he stole as a tax collector) and soon chooses to give it all back – for the privilege of holding Christ near. Prayers are made for others; food is shared, not hoarded; community is formed and together is found the strength to overcome the world of privation and persecution.

Keep company with Jesus a little while, and you will reflect Him back for all the world to see! And that, my friends, is the meaning of Epiphany!!! You’ll never stop God from entering into our mortal lives, and you will find absolute holiness overcoming our timid fears and selfish wants. It is a Kingdom of Love He brings, to become our deepest aspiration!!

Peace in Child of our sister Mary!!!
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