

Epiphany: The Light That Is Revealed and Sends Us Mt. 2:9 & 5:14

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Epiphany reminds us of a central truth of our faith: “the light has come,” and it did not come to remain hidden. The Gospel presents us with wise ones who, guided by a star, recognize that in Jesus, God has been revealed to the whole world, not only to Israel, not only to those nearby, but also to those who came from afar. Epiphany proclaims that Christ is light for all nations, and that this light continues to be revealed throughout human history.

When we affirm that “the light has come,” we confess that God breaks into our concrete reality, even amid our shadows, fears, and questions. As the evangelist Matthew declares, “the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them” (Matt. 2:9). That light does not erase the path, but it gives direction; it does not impose, but it invites; it does not blind but reveals the heart of God. Epiphany reminds us that God allows himself to be found by those who dare to seek with sincerity.

For the Church, Epiphany is not merely a date on the liturgical calendar, but a continual call to manifestation. We are a community called to reflect the light of Christ in a world marked by confusion, inequality, and spiritual weariness. Jesus himself affirmed it: “You are the light of the world” (Matt. 5:14). To celebrate Epiphany is to ask whether our faith is visible, whether our testimonies clearly point to Christ, and whether our communal life continues to proclaim hope.

Are we truly allowing our community of faith to be a beacon for others, or are we keeping it “hidden under the table”? This question invites us to examine whether we are reflecting the light of Christ with authenticity and courage, in the midst of a world that still needs direction and consolation.

This is where the theme **"Roots and Horizons,"** which will guide AETH in 2026, enters into a deep dialogue with this celebration. Epiphany invites us to affirm our roots in God's revelation in Christ, the light manifested in Bethlehem, while at the same time looking toward new horizons in mission, theological formation, service, and pastoral accompaniment. A church firmly rooted in the Gospel can move boldly into the future without losing its identity or purpose.

May this Epiphany renew in us the certainty that the Light has come and continues to come. May that light illuminate our convictions, strengthen our roots, and propel us toward horizons where God's love still needs to be proclaimed. And may we, like the wise ones, recognize Christ, worship him with humility, and return to our paths transformed, carrying his light to all whom we encounter.



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