

Matthew 2:10-11 NLT

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Priests Role: Represent the people to God

Priests Function:

- Make sacrifices for people's sin
- Pray on behalf of the people to God

If we don't understand the Holiness of God  
We will never understand the importance of Jesus!

God is just so... he must punish sin!

God is mercy so... he desires to forgive!

Hebrews 10:10-12 NLT

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time.

Jesus' sacrifice satisfies God's justice and extends God's forgiveness

Hebrews 4:14-15 NLT

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

Matthew 27:46 CEV

Then about that time Jesus shouted...“My God, my God, why have you deserted me?”

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.