**THE BREAD OF LIFE" 12-20-20**

**Text: Matthew 2:1-12
NOTE:** In Matt. 1&2 there are 5 Old Testament Prophecies that are fulfilled with the birth of Christ & His Infant years.

**Matt. 2:1,2**

WHO were the MAGI (wise men)?
- members of an Eastern priestly group; probably from a tribe originally associated with the Medes.
- it was their business to recognize & coronate kings!

HOW did they find out about the Messiah?
- most likely through Daniel, when exiled in Babylon around 600 B.C.

**Bethlehem:**

- a small village about 5 miles South of Jerusalem.
- was the Hometown of King David.
- Today, is part of the West Bank (Palestinian Control)

**NOTE:** We see Jesus, the Bread of Life; lying in a Manger (aka Feeding Trough); born in Bethlehem (House of Bread).

**NOTE:**

- 5 x's in John 6, Jesus declares Himself as Bread of Life! – 5 x's in John 6, Jesus speaks of Eating His Flesh and Drinking His Blood.

Natural Food: You must partake of it to receive the nourishment.

Spiritual Food: Jesus is the Bread of Life! You must partake of Him!

1st Partaking = The New Birth! (See John 6:53,54)

Continuous Partaking = The Daily Feeding on His Word! (See John 6:57,58a)

Jn. 6:68 – “You Alone have the words of eternal life!”