

Epiphany

1. What is the meaning of the word Epiphany?
 - Manifestation
2. From which language does the word derive?
 - Greek
3. What do Western Christians celebrate on The Epiphany?
 - Coming of the Magi
4. What do Eastern Christians celebrate on The Epiphany?
 - Baptism of Christ
5. What is the title of T. S. Eliot's poem about The Epiphany?
 - The Journey of the Magi
6. Which Gospel tells the story of The Epiphany?
 - Matthew
7. What does the feast of The Epiphany officially end?
 - Christmas
8. What do Greek Orthodox priests throw into the water at The Epiphany?
 - A wooden cross
9. What is the connection between Cologne Cathedral and the Feast of the Epiphany?
 - It contains the shrine of the Magi
10. What 3 gifts were given to Christ on the Feast of the Epiphany?
 - Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
11. What does each gift represent?
 - Gold = royal standing, frankincense = divine birth, myrrh = mortality
12. What 3 titles have been given to the bearers of these gifts?
 - The 3 Kings, The Magi and the Three Wise Men
13. What were their individual names?
 - Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar
14. Which geographical area did each represent?
 - Melchior = Europe, Caspar = Arabia, Balthazar = Africa
15. In which century AD was The Epiphany first officially recognised – 2nd, 3rd or 4th?
 - 2nd
16. What title is given to Epiphany in Spanish speaking countries?
 - 3 Kings Day – el dia de los reyes
17. What is traditionally placed in Epiphany bread and cake?
 - Figurine of a baby
18. What name do the French give to Epiphany cake?
 - Galette des Rois
19. What major feast follows The Epiphany?
 - Candlemass
20. What should the finder of the figurine in Epiphany cake or bread do on 2nd February?
 - Throw a party