

# “What ‘Star’ Do I Follow?”

Based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

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*Matthew 2:1-2*

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem

2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

† **This star could have been the combination of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars coming together in sight in the year 6 B.C.**

† **Part of following God can be through nature.**

*Matthew 2:4-6*

4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"

† **The Magi came to Jerusalem and got specific instructions from people who knew the Old Testament.**

† **In reading and learning the Bible, I come to know where God is leading me.**

*Matthew 2:11* - On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

† **It may have been up to 2 years after Jesus' birth until the Magi actually arrived and found Jesus.**

† **For each of us, it takes different amounts of time to follow God's leading and to worship Him.**

*Matthew 2:12* - And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

† **When I do as the Magi and bow down to God through Christ, it also will reroute my life.**

† **When I follow God's will, I am given the opportunity to reroute the lives of others.**

## Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† When have I witnessed God through nature?

† How have I come to know God through Bible reading?

† How long did it take me to "find" God?

† How has God rerouted my life in the past?

† Who is someone God has put into my life to help me?

† Who is someone God put in my life to help them?