

**Miracle: The Star of Bethlehem**  
**Miracles, Pt. 5**  
**Matthew 2:1-12**

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**Jeremiah 29:13**, *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

**The Star of Bethlehem Reminds Us...**

**1. God Lights the Way for Those Who SEEK HIM**

**Matthew 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 when it rose and have come to worship him."*

**2. Not Everyone Will Eagerly RECEIVE HIM**

**Matthew 2:3**, *When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah 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 shepherd my people Israel."*

**3. Don't Stop Short of Your Intended DESTINATION**

**Matthew 2:7**, *Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." **9** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose*

*went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.*

**4. The Christmas Journey is Always WORTH IT**

**Matthew 2:10**, *When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **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, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*

**John 8:12**, *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

**Matthew 5:14**, *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*