

Stars Light The Way To Christmas

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11:10 PM

Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men[a] from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose[b] and have come to worship him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

We all know about the Christmas Star and how it led the wise men to Jesus. And though we know that this was a unique event designed by God to reveal the birth of the Savior King, I believe there are many Christmas Stars. Some of which are sitting in this room this morning. A Christmas Star is a light that leads the way to Jesus and the good news of His love and salvation for mankind.

How can I be a Christmas Star?

Daniel 12:1-3

12 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. 2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Jesus said it a little bit differently when He said...

Matthew 5:14-16

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.

How Can I Light The Way To Christmas?

The Light of Your Passionate Desire to be close to Jesus

The Light of Your Continued Persistence and Perseverance on the Journey

The Light of Your Dedication to the Truth of God's Word

The Light of Your Choices that Honor God

The Light of Your Joy in The Lord

The Light of Your Worship

The Light of Your Generosity in Giving

The Light of Your Obedience to the Direction of God

The Light of Your Willingness to be Different than the World