

## A Star In The Sky

"Now the **birth of Jesus Christ** took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."" Matthew 1:18-21 ESV

"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, **wise men** from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For **we saw his star** when it rose and have come to worship him."" Matthew 2:1-2 ESV

"Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time **the star had appeared**. 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." 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. **When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy**. 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." Matthew 2:7-11 ESV

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### 1. Look for Jesus in the darkness.

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **The light shines in the darkness**, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4-5 ESV

### 2. Offer Jesus your best.

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and **place it before God as an offering**." Romans 12:1-2 MSG

### 3. Allow Jesus to change the direction of your life.

"Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me **has to let me lead**. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. **Follow me and I'll show you how**. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" Matthew 16:24-26 MSG/ESV