



*It's in the Stars*  
*Matthew 2:1-12*

**1) Why do most of our Christmas songs refer to the “Magi” as kings or wise men?**

- In part, it’s an attempt to “clean up” the fact that the first worshipers of Jesus were \_\_\_\_\_ from ancient Babylon.
- “All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your \_\_\_\_\_ come forward, those \_\_\_\_\_ who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves...”

~ Isaiah 47:13

**2) And yet...**

- Here in the Christmas story, we see God so longing for the whole world to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus - that He actually uses the \_\_\_\_\_ to get these quasi-religious astrologers pointed in the right direction!

**3) The star got the Magi pointed in the right direction. But it took God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to get them the rest of the way to Jesus. (Matt 2:5-6)**

- “But you \_\_\_\_\_ 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.”

~ Micah 5:2

**4) The ultimate purpose behind the Magi’s 900 mile pilgrimage...**

- To give Jesus treasures, and to bow down and \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Matt 2:11)

## *The chapters of the Magi's spiritual journey:*

### **Chapter 1 -**

God's \_\_\_\_\_ grace gets the Magi moving in the right direction

### **Chapter 2 -**

The Magi \_\_\_\_\_ on every piece of truth that comes their way

### **Chapter 3 -**

The Magi's journey ultimately leads to a \_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapter 4 -**

The Magi's journey to Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ them something

### **Chapter 5 -**

Life with Jesus gets marked by the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

## *The Christmas Story Invitation:*

If you want to find out if Jesus really is who He said He is - then follow in the footsteps of the Magi and enter into a journey of seeking Him, because that is the context where miracles happen.

*"We all want miracles...*

*but we spend our lives avoiding the context where miracles happen."*

*~Erwin McManus*