

## “How to Miss the Wonder of the Incarnation”

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##### A. God sent a unique star that would signal the birth of His Son.

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1. The Magi saw the star from a great distance. – **Num 24:17**
2. The Israelites did not see the Messianic star over Bethlehem.

##### B. God expects us to notice the light of truth that He sends us.

###### **Psalm 19:1–3**

1. Christians receive the most all in area of spiritual revelation.
2. But people blind themselves to the evidence that there is a creator, and to inconvenient truths.
3. Christmas is about the birth and coming of God’s Son to save us from the judgement of our sins,

#### II. Give up on God when things don’t go as you expected.

##### A. The magi faced disappointment while seeking the Savior.

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1. The Israelites were ignorant of the appearance of the star.
2. The Jewish leadership were of little encouragement.
3. God’s people became troubled rather than enthusiastic about the Messiah’s coming.

##### B. When things don’t go as we expected, it is tempting to give up on God.

##### C. Lesson: **God’s people should persist in spite of disappointment.**

1. Should we not go on when relationships fall apart.
2. After the death of loved one... after the loss of a job... after the loss of your church.

#### III. Make no personal effort to find God’s promised Son.

##### A. Herod sent the magi to do the investigating for him.

**Matthew 2:7–8** — *“7 Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.””*

1. King Herod never saw the Messiah for himself.
2. We should all seek to avoid becoming a spiritual Herod. -one who lacks motivation to read, verify and know God’s truth for himself.

##### B. The Magi were relentless in verifying the truth for themselves.

**Matthew 2:9–11**— *“9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”*

1. The relentless will reap the blessing and joy of finding the Savior.
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