



● Last week we exposed some of the myths about the Magi and a couple of the mysteries associated with the wise men. Today we look at one of those mysteries a little closer.

● We have many travel guides today: maps, compasses, triptiks from AAA, Mapquest, GPS, etc. 2000 years ago God made sure the Magi had a travel guide... a point of reference for the Christmas event.

## I. THE **BETHLEHEM** STAR.

### A. THE MYSTERY OF THE STAR.

📖 Matthew 2:2; Numbers 24:17

### B. POSSIBILITIES.

- ◆ Was it a **conjunction** of planets?
- ◆ Was it a **nova**?
- ◆ Was it a **comet**?
- ◆ Was it a **supernatural star**?

### C. GOD PROVIDES A TRAVEL GUIDE.

You don't put this **God** in a box and say this is how He **operates**

## II. GOD HAS ALWAYS PROVIDED TRAVEL GUIDES TO SEEKERS.

### A. HE GIVES SPIRITUAL POINTS OF REFERENCE.

- ◆ Throughout history, God has seen to it that those who **diligently seek** after Christ **will find Him**. 📖 Acts 17:27
- ◆ From our standpoint we are seeking, searching for **meaning**, for **purpose**, for **forgiveness**, for a **relationship** with the One who made us, to fill the **God-shaped** hole in our souls that **nothing** and no one else can fill.
- ◆ But the truth is the "**hound of heaven**" is **pursuing** us, wooing us to Him.

### B. TWO RESPONSES FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY FOLLOW THEIR STAR.

- ◆ **Thank God** for the gift of travel guides.
- ◆ God wants to use you **as a star**. Daniel 12:3
- ◆ The Bethlehem star was special, **set apart**, for this purpose.
- ◆ God will use anyone who will **dedicate** themselves to Him.
- ◆ He's not nearly as interested in your **ability** as your **availability**.
- ◆ God's stars shine **on Jesus**.

### C. FOR THOSE STILL SEARCHING.

- ◆ Let **God** determine the best way to lead you to His Son.

**Next Week: How to Give a Gift to God**