

Journey Church Hawaii
It's Christmas! Part Four
"Where is He?"
Matthew 2:1-12

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- I. Pastor Arlen shares about the Christmas Star [notes attached]
- II. "Where is He?" Filling the Eternity in our Hearts [Eccles 3:11]
 - A. "Where is He who has been born the King of the Jews? For we have seen His Star in the East and have come to worship Him" [Matt 2:2]
 1. Large Jewish Population in Babylon after the Exile 586 BC [2 Chron 36:15-23]
 2. Magi [Daniel 2:48] and Knowledge of Jewish writings [Nu 24:17]
 3. Bethlehem [Matt 1:6; Micah 5:2]
 4. Herod, Narcissist & Libertine temptations, and Ke'ala pono [2 Cor 2:14-16]
 1. Narcissism is a self-centered personality style characterized as having an excessive preoccupation with oneself and one's own needs, often at the expense of others.
 2. A Libertine engages a lifestyle and philosophy focused on pursuing sensual pleasure and freedom from conventional moral, social, and religious rules, emphasizing unrestrained indulgence (hedonism and sexual freedom)
 5. Their Gifts of Worship [Rev 4:9-11]
 1. Gold: King of Kings [Rev 19:16]
 2. Frankincense: The Priest [Heb 10:19-25]
 3. Myrrh: The Propitiation -- The Savior of the World [Ro 6:23; 2 Cor 5:21; John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:7-19]
 - B. We Have Seen
 1. What others see in Me [1 Peter 2:12]
 2. Love your Neighbor as yourself: how God sees me [Mark 12:31; Ps 17:8]
 3. Be Intentional [Luke 10:5-9]
 - a. A Heart of Peace
 - b. Quality Time with One Another
 - c. Meet Needs -- Can I Pray for You?
 - d. Share what Jesus has done, is doing, in your life [Ro 10:14-17]
 4. Invite the Salvation of Jesus Christ: He is Near! [Rev 3:20; Ro 10:8-13]
 - C. The Power of Vision: Antioch 2035 and Keala pono [Prov 29:18; Ps 84:5-7]
 1. Make Disciples [Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8]
 2. MiniChurch [Acts 2:42-47; Eph 3:14-21]
 3. Church [Heb 10:24-25; Ps 22:3]

The Star of Bethlehem

Get the Movie

- <https://tv.apple.com/us/movie/the-star-of-bethlehem-christmas-to-easter/umc.cmc.3p39h90gzkbynpt1tr5fb0tjv>
- <https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B0CVDCJZ2N/>

What if we took the Bible seriously?

Psalms 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.



What could the “star” have been?

- Star- But these don't really move.
- Comet- People didn't see any comets during this time.
- Nova- People didn't see a nova, and this is generally a bad omen.
- Planet- Sometimes called wandering stars because they move in interesting ways in the sky.

This is only the first half of the story.

What if we fast forward 33 years and see what was happening in the sky at the crucifixion?

I won't ruin the whole movie for you.

Lessons from this video

- The Scriptures can be taken seriously. If anything it's our interpretation of the scriptures that can be faulty.
- There should be no doubt that the Messiah has come and it was announced in the stars.
- God's timing is perfect. From the moment He created the universe, he planned when the Messiah would be born and be crucified.

<u>Biblical Details</u>	<u>What we see?</u>	<u>When was it seen?</u>
Matthew 2 V2 Wise men from the east (Babylon) saw the star rising from the east.	Jupiter (King Planet) rises from the East	September 3BC
V2 They understood this to be the star of a king.	Jupiter passes by Regulus (King Star) 3 times.	
V3 King Herod and all Jerusalem was troubled when they heard about the star.	If you weren't studying the stars, it would be easy to miss the movements of Jupiter.	
V7 Herod didn't know when the star appeared.	If you weren't studying the stars, it would be easy to miss the movements of Jupiter.	June 2BC
V9 Going from Jerusalem to Bethlehem (Traveling South) the star went before them.	Jupiter is once again in the sky as the wise men travel south.	
V9 Came to rest over where the child was.	Jupiter comes to a full stop and reverses course (retrograde motion) about Bethlehem.	December 25, 2BC
Revelation 12 V1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,	After the star rises, the constellation Virgo (the Virgin) follows. The sun is superimposed on Virgo.	
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.	The new crescent moon appeared next below her feet.	
3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.	Not sure what the heavenly sign is, but physically this is Herod who tried to kill all the toddlers around Bethlehem.	
4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.		