

THE STORY  
COUNTRY BIBLE CHURCH SERMON NOTES



Chapter 16: Follow That Star! – Matthew  
2:1-12  
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**Numbers 24:15-17 (ESV)** The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, the oracle of him who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, (*eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered into the minds of man what God has in store for those who love Him, but God has revealed it to us through His spirit...*) who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down with his eyes uncovered: I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: **a star** shall come out of Jacob, and **a scepter** shall rise out of Israel;

WISE MEN FOLLOW THE STAR

1. WISE MEN: \_\_\_\_\_ THE TRUTH

**Matthew 2:1-2 (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.”

2. WISE MEN:

TO GOD’S WORD

**Vs 3-8** When Herod **the king** heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

**5015** ταρασσω [tarasso /tar-as-so/] v. Of uncertain affinity; GK 5429; 17 occurrences; AV translates as “trouble” 17 times. to agitate, trouble (a thing, by the movement of its parts to and fro). 1A to cause one inward commotion, take away his calmness of mind, disturb his equanimity. 1B to disquiet, make restless. 1C to stir up. 1D to trouble. 1D1 to strike one’s spirit with fear and dread. 1E to render anxious or distressed. 1F to perplex the mind of one by suggesting scruples or doubts.

and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel. 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.”

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### 3. WISE MEN: TRUST THE \_\_\_\_\_

**Vs 9** 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.

### 4. WISE MEN: \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT THEY FIND

**Vs 10-12** 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. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.