

FOLLOW THE STAR

Part 1: THE WAY

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“... “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
John 14:6 (NIV)

WAY
A _____, _____ or _____ which one takes in order to reach a _____.

BY FOLLOWING THE STAR I DISCOVER ...

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the One who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”
Matthew 2:2 (NIV)

“The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor, the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly, the prophecy of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened: “I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel ... A ruler will come out of Jacob ...”
Numbers 24:15-17, 19 (NIV)

“When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, 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 shepherd my people Israel.”
Matthew 2:3-6 (NIV)

“Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.”
Matthew 2:7-8 (NIV)

“After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.”
Matthew 2:9-12 (NIV)

1. THE _____ GOD WANTS TO _____ WITH ME.

“Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t His sisters here with us?”
Mark 6:3 (NIV)

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you.” John 15:13-15 (NIV)

- **God sent His Son to establish a _____ with me.**

2. THE _____ GOD _____ WITH ME.

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrew 4:14-16 (NIV)

- **God sent His Son to _____ in a fallen world as I experience it, yet He was _____.**

3. THE _____ GOD _____ TO HIM.

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Romans 3:23 (NLT)

“... your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 (NIV)

“... God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus ... is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind.” I Timothy 2:5-6 (LB)

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” II Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

- **God sent His Son to _____ the _____ for my sins so that I can be _____ with God.**