

December 2, 2018 Sermon Notes
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“The Guidance of the Star”

Matthew 2:1-5 (NKJV)

“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, ² saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.’ ³ When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ So they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:”

I.) Following God is sometimes _____.

Matthew 2:11, 12, 16

“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.”

II.) Following God is sometimes _____.

Matthew 2:9

“When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.”

Proverbs 3:5, 6

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
6In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

III.) Following God means walking a _____.

Mark 8:34, 35

“When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them,
‘Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and
follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his
life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.’”
