

“The Wonder of a Star”
The Wonder of Christmas Sermon Series
November 27, 2016 – The First Week of Advent

The _____ of Christmas

A routine we create around the holidays that prevents us from experiencing _____

Herod established a pattern of _____ & _____

Appointed “King of the _____” by Roman Senate in 40 BC

Began construction on the _____ in 20 BC

Killed his _____ and two _____ to protect his throne

Magi were _____

“_____” comes from Old Testament (Deut 1:13-15)

“_____” comes from Isaiah 60:3

“When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and _____ in Jerusalem was troubled with him.”

Matthew 2:1-3

_____ comes from the top

“He gathered all of the _____ and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born.”

Matthew 2:4-6

“When they saw the star they were filled with _____.”

Matthew 2:7-10

Herod had a pattern of _____ and _____ the star

The magi had a pattern of _____ and _____ at the star

Two kinds of revelation: _____ & _____

God is constantly sending stars to signify his presence, we just have to break out of our patterns in order to see it.

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Action Steps:

Plan on _____ to the Christmas Eve Offering

_____ someone to church

_____ your Advent wreath candles



Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy

Matthew 2: 7-10 (CEB)



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