

# GRACE

BREVARD

*To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Hope of Jesus*





Advent Week 2: Hope  
“The Gift”  
Matthew 2:1-12

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## Matthew 2:1-12

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, <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup>

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.



<sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea,  
for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> *“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.”*”



<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> 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.





<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



1. God's Guidance
2. God's Gift
3. Our Gifts



# God's Guidance

Who and How

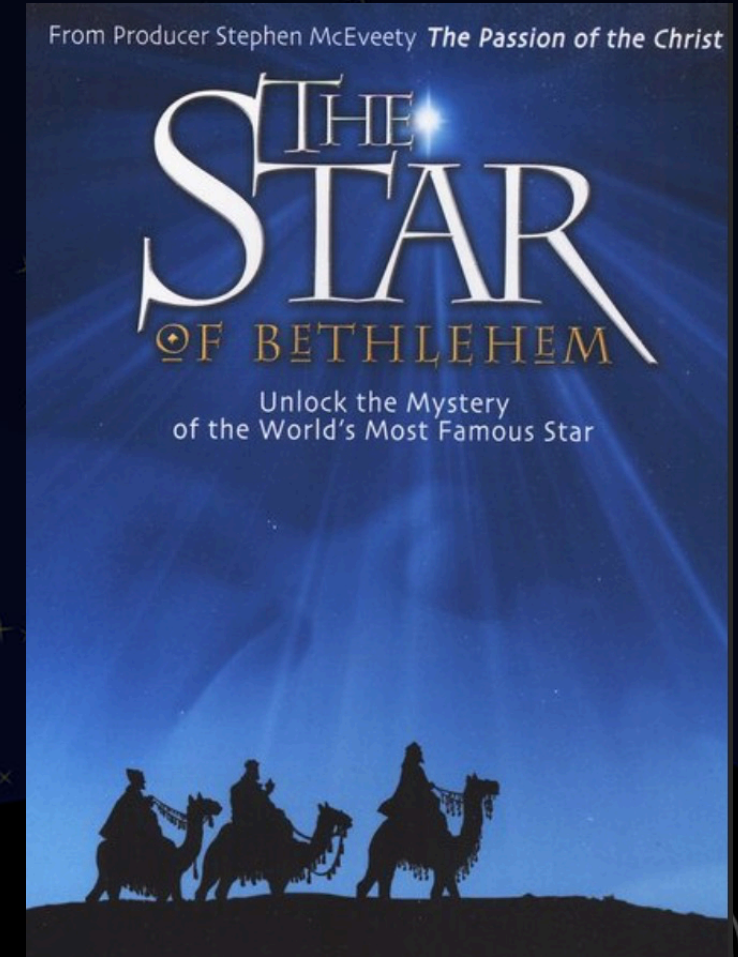




# God's Guidance



Star of wonder,  
star of night  
Star with royal  
beauty bright



## Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and shall call his name Immanuel.

God is still drawing diverse people to Christ  
with the same forethought and passion.



# God's Gift

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## Micah 5:2-5

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.





## Who He Is

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Herod

Dethroned





Mark 14:2

And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.”



## Who We Are

But you, O Bethlehem  
Ephrathah, who are too little to  
be among the clans of Judah...  
from you shall come forth



# *Rejoiced Exceedingly with Great Joy*

Gold

Frankincense

Myrrh



# Grateful Giving

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, **by the mercies of God**, to present your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Time

Talent

Treasure

