

**God Speaks in a Way That Changes You!**  
**Silent No More: God Still Has Something to Say!**  
**Matthew 2:1-12 – Magi Leave a Different Way**  
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**Micah 5:2**, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

**Isaiah 7:14**, Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

**Hebrews 1:1**, In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...

**How Does God Change You?**

**1. God Wants to Draw You In – THE STAR**

**Matthew 2:1**, After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **2** 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.” **3** When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** 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.

**Proverbs 19:21**, Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’S purpose that prevails.

**Isaiah 55:8**, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. **9** “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**Jeremiah 29:13**, You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

**2. God Wants to Ground You – SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 2:5**, “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: **6** “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.”

**Romans 15:4**, For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

**Psalms 119:105**, Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

**3. God Wants to Transform You – WORSHIP**

**Matthew 2:7**, Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** 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.” **9** 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. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** 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.

**Psalms 95:6**, Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

**Romans 12:1**, *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

#### **4. God Wants to Send You – A BETTER WAY**

**Matthew 2:12**, *And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17**, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

**Proverbs 3:5**, *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

**Isaiah 9:2**, *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*