WHAT ABOUT...#3: The Star, The Stable, and Sincere Salvation?

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1. God is Still Supernaturally Leading Sinners and Saints. Key: You Need to Continue **Following**

(Matthew 2:1-12)



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² 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."

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³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.



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⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

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."

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⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

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⁸ 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."

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⁹ 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.

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10 When they saw the

¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.



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11 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.



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12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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2. God is Still Providing for and Protecting Christians. Key: You Need to Continue Obeying (Luke 2:1-7)

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- ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
- ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town.



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⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.



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⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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3. God is Still Saving Sinners. <u>Key</u>:You Need to Embrace Biblical Salvation (Colossians 3:1-17)



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WHAT ABOUT...#3: THE STAR, THE STABLE, AND SINCERE SALVATION? ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and

your life is hidden with Christ in God.



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⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



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⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.



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⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.



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⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.



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⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

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¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.



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¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

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¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.



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WHAT ABOUT...#3: THE STAR, THE STABLE, AND SINCERE SALVATION? ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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