

A LEADING ROLE FOR UNUSUAL SUSPECTS

"Thread" – Part 3 of 6
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Matthew 2:1-12
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This Christian life is a great mystery, far exceeding our understanding, but some things are clear enough:

*He appeared in a human body,
was proved right by the invisible Spirit,
was seen by angels.*

*He was proclaimed among all kinds of peoples,
believed in all over the world,
taken up into heavenly glory. 1 Timothy 3:16 (MSG)*

¹ *Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ²"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have seen his star as it arose, and we have come to worship him."³ Herod was deeply disturbed by their question, as was all of Jerusalem. Matthew 2:1-4 (NLT)*

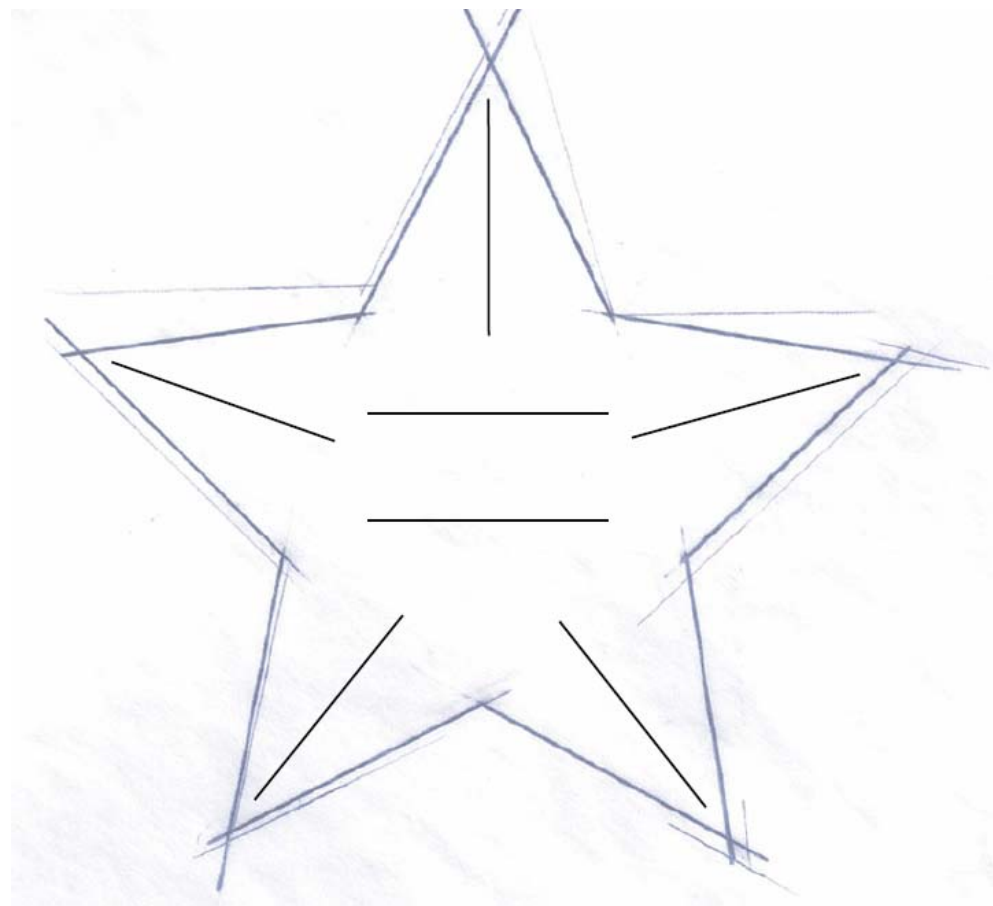
⁹ *After this interview the wise men went their way. Once again the star appeared to them, guiding them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.*

¹⁰ *When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!* ¹¹ *They entered the house where the child and his mother, Mary, were, and they fell down before him and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²But when it was time to leave, they went home another way, because God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. Matthew 2:9-12 (NLT)*

¹⁷ *I see him, but not in the present time. I perceive him, but far in the distant future. A star will rise from Jacob; a scepter will emerge from Israel. Numbers 24:17 (NLT)*

"...for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you..." 1 Chronicles 28:9 (NIV)

The Thread Becomes Your Star



After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:9