

# Star of Bethlehem (and Beyond)

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*Psalm 19*

Matthew 2:1-12



## Possible Explanations of the Star

### **Supernatural**

A one-time “misbehaving” miracle star

Visibly moving

Appearing and disappearing

A spaceship from another galaxy (V. Zaitsev)

### **Natural**

Shooting star / meteorite

Nova (expanding star)

Comet

Planetary conjunction

## ***Whether “supernatural” or “natural”, who is in charge?***

Does God work through His creation?

All the time!

Do the stars speak about their creator?

All the time!

*Their voice has gone out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.” Psalm 19 / Romans 10:18*

Should we look to the stars for answers?

No! Go to the Creator!

## Characteristics of the star (from Matthew 2)

- 1) Indicates birth, kingship, Jews (2:2a)
- 2) Must rise in the east like most other stars (2:2b)
- 3) Appeared at an exact time. (2:7)
- 4) Herod didn't know when it appeared (2:7)
- 5) Endured over a considerable period of time. (2:9)
- 6) Ahead of the Magi travelling south (2:9)

## **The Star of Bethlehem**

Presenter: Rick Larson (lawyer, Bible Study leader, researcher)

Producer: Stephen McEveety (The Passion of the Christ)

[www.bethlehemstar.com](http://www.bethlehemstar.com)

Rick Larson's presentation **may or may not** be what exactly happened.

But we can all agree:

God is in charge

The stars only "declare" what the Creator does

The Bible is God's reliable truth

Our guesses must be subject to ALL the Scriptures

If the stars, according to their fixed dance, declare God's work,  
what does this mean?

From the moment God spoke the universe into existence,  
He knew (and had planned)  
when the Messiah would enter and save the creation.

*The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”*

John 10:17-18