



**DAY 36**



## WONDER

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**Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea  
in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east  
arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?  
For we saw His star in the east  
and have come to worship Him.”  
Matthew 2:1-2**

“(We) have come to worship him.”

We now explain all sorts of celestial phenomena with the language of science. What used to be simply the awe-inspiring “northern lights,” for example, are now understood as the ionization of atoms in the magnetosphere. Nothing wrong with that – unless it leads you to cancel any possibility that such an event can also be a sign, that it can mean something of eternal importance.

The magi were astrologers, not astronomers. We would sideline their attempts to read the heavens for news about the soul while at the same time accepting a sky free of meaning. This is not to

promote faith in a horoscope. But it is to call attention to the ones who travelled over 500 miles because of a single-minded curiosity about God's activity in the world. Some things you can't explain; wonder will have to lead you to the truth.

What do you need the heavens to tell you about God?

*May we pay attention to the mysteries of stars and rivers and fields and people. May we hear your voice in those mysteries. And may we know that you are drawing near to us in all these ways. In the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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