

Parkman Congregational Church

February 5, 2023

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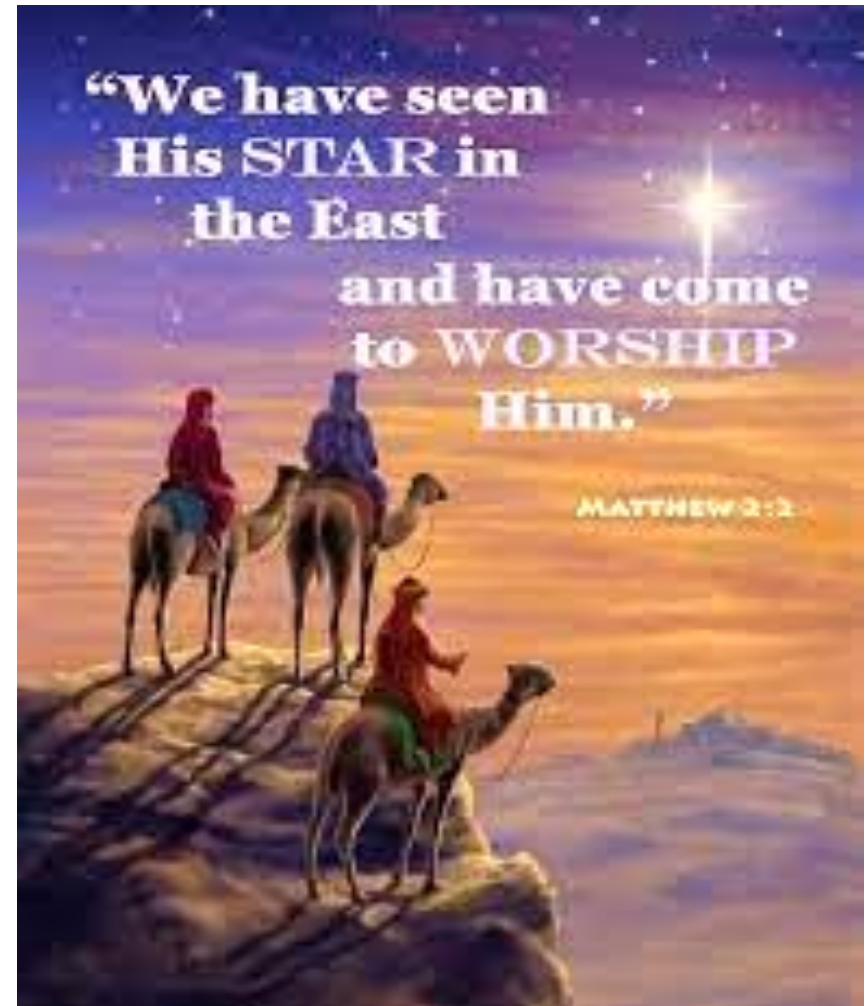


*We Welcome Our Guests!
We are glad you could join us today
And we encourage you to return often*

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1823 - 2023 Bicentennial

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Ministers: Members of this Congregation*

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, **February 5** Sunday school, 9:00 am
 Fellowship, 10:00 am
 Worship Service, 10:30 am
 Observance of the Lord's Supper

Monday, **February 6** Leadership Meeting, 7 pm

Saturday, **February 11** AA – 8:30 pm

Sunday, **February 12** Sunday school, 9:00 am
 Fellowship Time, 10:00 am
 Worship Service, 10:30 am
 Observance of the Lord's Supper

Monday, **February 13** Elders, 7:00 pm
 Women's Fellowship workday, 7:00 pm



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Carnival Meeting

The next Carnival meeting is scheduled for Thursday,
March 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall

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MATTHEW	
2/5- Matthew 2:1-11	Two Drastically Different Responses
2/12- Matthew 2:12-18	The Serpent Strikes
2/19-Matthew 2:19-23	Drawing out of Egypt
2/26 –Matthew 3:1-12	John the Baptizer



NOT God's plan for my life
BUT my life for God's plan
NOT God's vision for our church
BUT our church for God's Vision

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The Star

The wise men did not come directly to Bethlehem but to Jerusalem, and they came with the question on their lips: "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him" (vs 2). Perhaps no text has been subjected to more speculation than the description of the star that led these men from the East. Some scholars have indicated that it was likely a comet's tail that gave guidance to the people in their sojourn. Johannes Kepler, for example, argued that there was an unusual conjunction of two planets in the constellation Pisces in 7 BC that would have given off an extreme luster. Still others say that these men, perhaps being astrologers, had seen in their astrological charts the appearance of certain stars that heralded the birth of a great king. The other possibility is that the star that led these men to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem was a specific creation by God for this particular event, something like the shekinah glory cloud that led the people of Israel in their wilderness wandering.

If I had to choose from among these options, I would choose the latter. I think it would be very difficult to follow the tail of a comet, or even an inordinately bright conjunction of two planets, to Jerusalem and then from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. I suspect that this is another account of a miraculous work of God to guide the men to the proper place.

We do not know how they knew that they were looking for the King of the Jews; Matthew doesn't give us that information. But he does say that they had seen His star in the east and had come to worship Him, that is, to give obeisance to Him. The implication here is that the men were coming not merely to give homage to a monarch but to worship before deity.

- RC Sproul: Matthew: An Expositional Commentary (pg. 12, 13).

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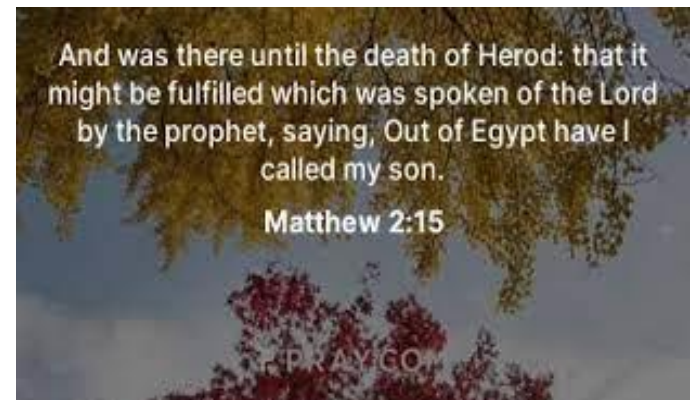
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Scripture of the Month

Matthew 2:15b



*This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet,
"Out of Egypt I called my son."*