



The
SEASON
of
WONDER



THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR CELEBRATES
THE MOST WONDERFUL MOMENT IN TIME



'After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

MATTHEW 2:1-2 NIV

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- ◆ They didn't arrive immediately after the birth of Jesus.

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MATTHEW 2:2 NIV

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- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

PSALM 19:1 NIV

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⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

MATTHEW 2:4-6 NIV



THE STAR MADE THEM CURIOUS
THE SCRIPTURES CONFIRMED THE FACTS

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MATTHEW 2:11 NIV

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¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

JOHN 1:1-2 NIV

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¹²For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

MATTHEW 23:12 NIV

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⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:9-11 NIV

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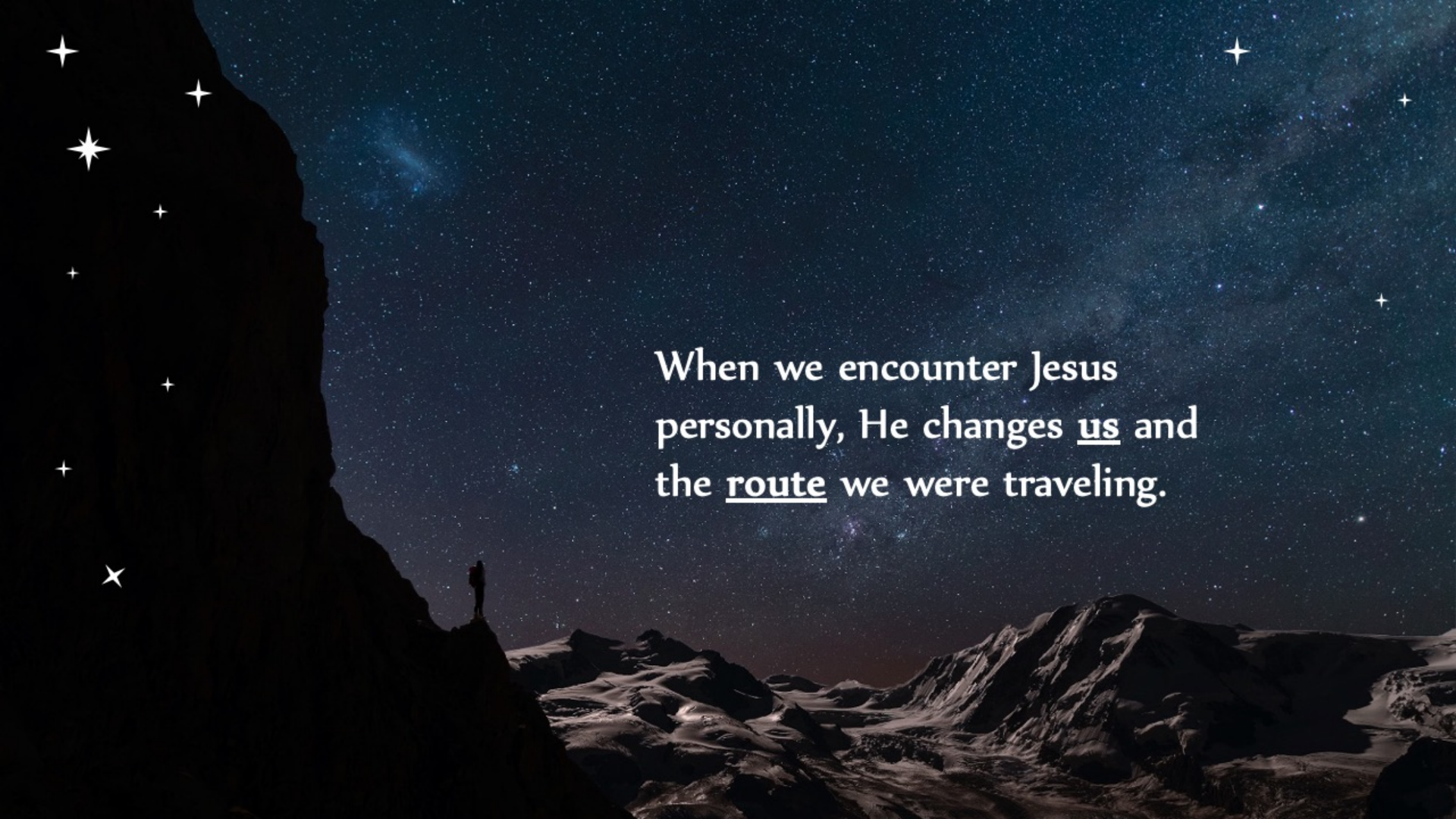
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¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

MATTHEW 2:12 NIV

A person is silhouetted against a vast, starry night sky, standing on a rocky peak. The sky is filled with numerous stars and a faint nebula. The foreground shows rugged, rocky terrain. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, with a sense of solitude and contemplation.

When we encounter Jesus
personally, He changes us and
the route we were traveling.

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NKJV

The background is a dark blue night sky. In the top left corner, a large white crescent moon is partially visible. Scattered across the sky are various white stars, including small crosses and larger, multi-pointed stars. In the lower-left portion of the image, there are dark blue silhouettes of a domed building with several smaller domes, and in the foreground, three camels with riders are walking from left to right. The overall scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of a long, quiet journey.

**WHERE ARE YOU AT
IN THIS SPIRITUAL
JOURNEY?**