



# Go Another Way

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# Matthew 2:1-12

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “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.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;  
For out of you shall come a Ruler  
Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

# Matthew 2:1-12 cont.

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” <sup>9</sup> When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. <sup>11</sup> And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.



**Do we discern or  
recognize when God  
is speaking to us?**

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# Matthew 2:6

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Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;  
For out of you shall come a Ruler  
Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

# Matthew 2:10



<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.





**“Looking for Him brings everything else, while looking only for oneself leads to emptiness.” - anon**

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# Matthew 2:11

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# Gifts from the Wise Men

1. Gold – (King) Deity and Royalty

2. Frankincense – (Divinity)  
Purity and Priesthood

3. Myrrh – (Man) Signifying  
Death, Sacrifice and Humanity

## Matthew 2:12

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# The Different Way

- Transformation

- new Direction

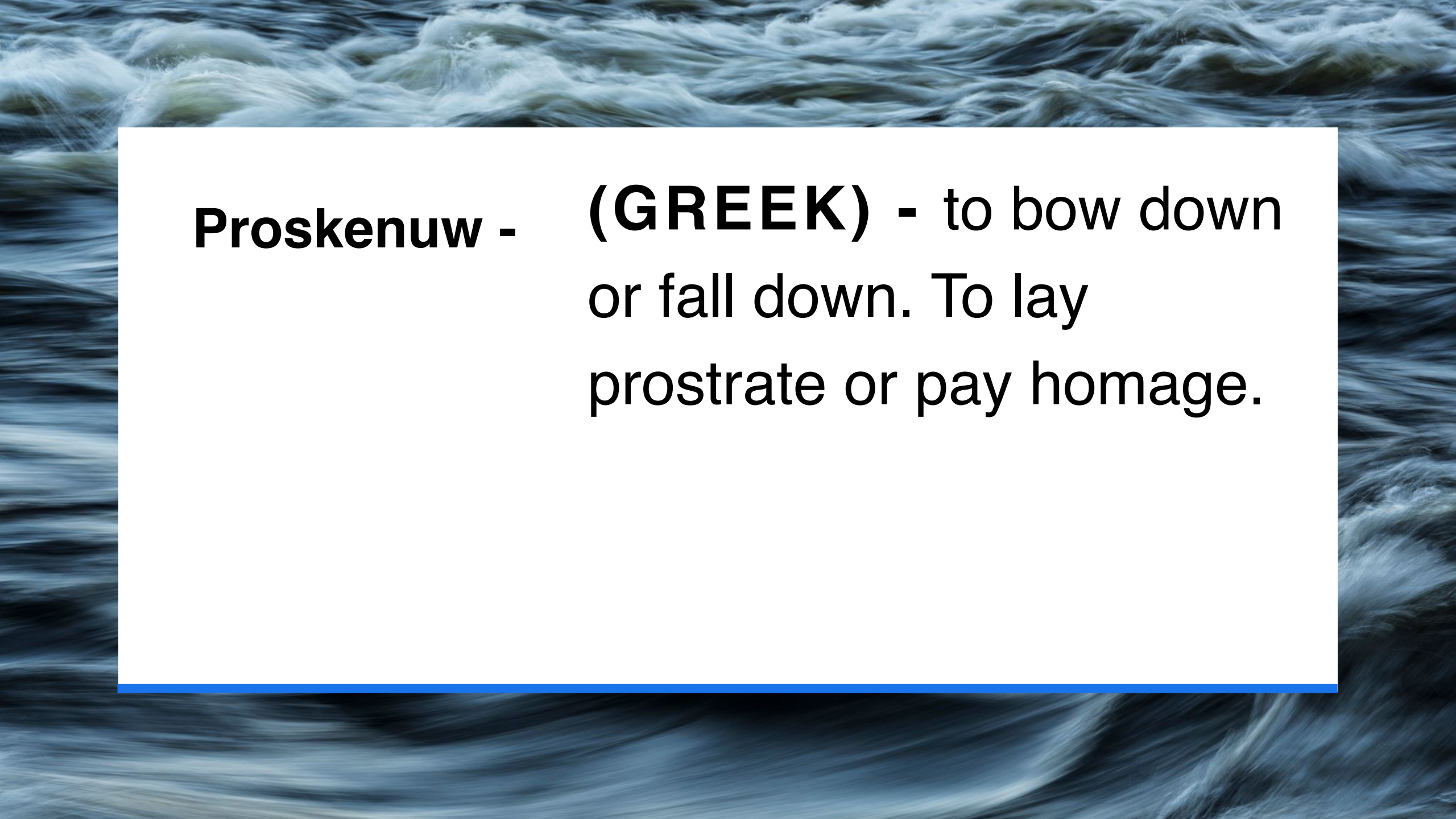
- seeking Christ

- departure from the former ways

# Hebrews 13:5

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<sup>5</sup> Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”



**Proskenuw - (GREEK) -** to bow down or fall down. To lay prostrate or pay homage.

## **John 14:6**

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**<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**



# Isaiah 30:21

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21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,  
“This is the way, walk in it,”  
Whenever you turn to the right hand  
Or whenever you turn to the left.

# Proverbs 16:9



<sup>9</sup> A man's heart plans his way,  
But the LORD directs his steps.

# Proverbs 19:21

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<sup>21</sup> There are many plans in a man's heart,  
Nevertheless the LORD's counsel—that will  
stand.

# Isaiah 43:18-19

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<sup>18</sup> “Do not remember the former things,  
Nor consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> Behold, I will do a new thing,  
Now it shall spring forth;  
Shall you not know it?

I will even make a road in the wilderness  
And rivers in the desert.



**We say... Show me and I'll trust  
you.**

**God says... Trust me and I'll  
show you.**

