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March 2023 Sky Events

The Moon Joins Jupiter and Venus

On the nights of **March 22-24**, the waxing crescent Moon passes by the bright planets Jupiter and Venus.

Shortly after sunset on March 22nd, take this crepuscular challenge with a pair of binoculars and an unobstructed view low to the western horizon, and locate the faint 2% illuminated lunar crescent and the planet Jupiter just below it. In the following weeks, Jupiter will leave our night skies, as it approaches conjunction with the Sun on April 11th – reappearing in our eastern evening skies in October 2023.

Venus, the brightest planet as seen from Earth, will remain in our sky view as the “evening star” until August 2023.

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