

3 Planets Meet in Gemini at Dusk

Shortly after sunset on **June 7-9**, three solar system planets will be observable in the west-northwest – gathering in the constellation Gemini. Venus and Jupiter will be easy to spot as they are both much brighter than Mercury and the 2 twin stars of Gemini, Castor and Pollux. You may need binoculars to help you locate fainter Mercury lower in the sky.

On June 7th Jupiter will be positioned above Venus, but, by June 9th, Venus will be above Jupiter. Venus is ascending in our evening skies while Jupiter is descending. Enjoy this dance of the planets! Although our views of the sky usually appear in 2 dimensions, take a moment to add in the 3rd dimension: Jupiter is some 448 million miles behind Venus, and Mercury is some 24 million miles in front of Venus!

