



**Key Scripture:**

John 1:9 NIV

The **True Light** that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

**Visitors from the East**

Matthew 2:1-12 NLT

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 2 "Where is the newborn

King of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him."

3 King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote:

6 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a Ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for My people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them,

"Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the Child. And when you find Him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship Him, too!"

9 After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the Child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

**Three Responses to King Jesus**

- ✓ Herod **opposed** Jesus as King.
- ✓ Jewish priests **dismissed** Jesus as King.
- ✓ The Wise Men **bowed down and worshiped** Jesus the King.

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# True Christmas

## Three Gifts

### Gifts for a Savior...

Matthew 2:11b NASU

...Then, opening their treasures,

**they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

#### 1. Gold – Give your **loyalty** to Jesus is the King.

1 Timothy 6:15 NLT

For at just the right time **Christ will be revealed from heaven** by the blessed and only Almighty God, **the King of all kings and Lord of all lords.**

#### 2. Frankincense – Give your **worship** to Jesus the Son of God.

Romans 1:2-4 NLT

2 God promised this Good News long ago through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures.

3 **The Good News is about His Son, Jesus.**

**In His earthly life He was born into King David's family line,**

**4 and He was shown to be the Son of God**

when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### 3. Myrrh – Give up your **sin** and **receive** mercy from Jesus your High Priest.

Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV

14 **We have a great High Priest.** He has gone up into the heavens. **He is Jesus the Son of God. So let us hold firmly to what we say we believe.**

15 We have a High Priest who can feel it when we are weak and hurting.

We have a High Priest who has been tempted in every way, just as we are.

But He did not sin. 16 So **let us boldly approach the throne of grace.**

**Then we will receive mercy. We will find grace to help us when we need it.**

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