



Devotion Info
Christmas Gold

DAY 1 Read Matthew 2:1-11

[1] 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.

Matthew 2:1-11 NLT

- When you read, "a Savior who is Christ the Lord," how does that cause you to approach worship during Christmas and beyond?

Application:

- This week, we celebrate Christmas. Are there any new traditions worth implementing that would place greater emphasis on the purpose of Christ's coming to Bethlehem?

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Matthew 2:11 NLT

- When you read verse 11 and see the order of events, can you describe how this impacts your posture both spiritually and physically before Christ as you consider your worship?

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DAY 3 Read John 3:16

[16] "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NLT

- As Pastor Korey described John 3:16, did it help you understand the purpose of the gift that Jesus came to be for the world? If so, how?

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- As you understand the different meanings behind the gifts brought by the wise men, can you relate to the story of the birth of Jesus differently?

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Matthew 2:11 NLT

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.
[Refrain]

- Look at the lyrics of the song, “We Three Kings of Orient Are.” Does anything new capture your attention about the actions of the Kings or the gifts that were brought.

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