Series: "UNWRAPPING CHRISTMAS"
Part 2: "THE GIFT FOR THE ONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING"
Crossroads Community Church
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1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

True Worship:

1. Is a _____

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2b (NIV)

11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Matthew 2:11a (NIV)

2. Is an _____ thing, not just an _____ thing

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:10 (NIV)

8 "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.
9 They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."

Matthew 15:8-9 (NIV)

3. Comes at a _____

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11b (NIV)

1Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

- **When you fully understand who God is, your only _____ response is a life surrendered in _____**

Time to Reflect:

- Read the following and reflect: Psalm 86:5-13, Titus 3:3-7
- Spend some time in prayer
- Write below who Jesus is to you and reasons you will worship

Sermon Notes:

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