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CHRISTMAS

Matthew 2:1-4^(NKJV)

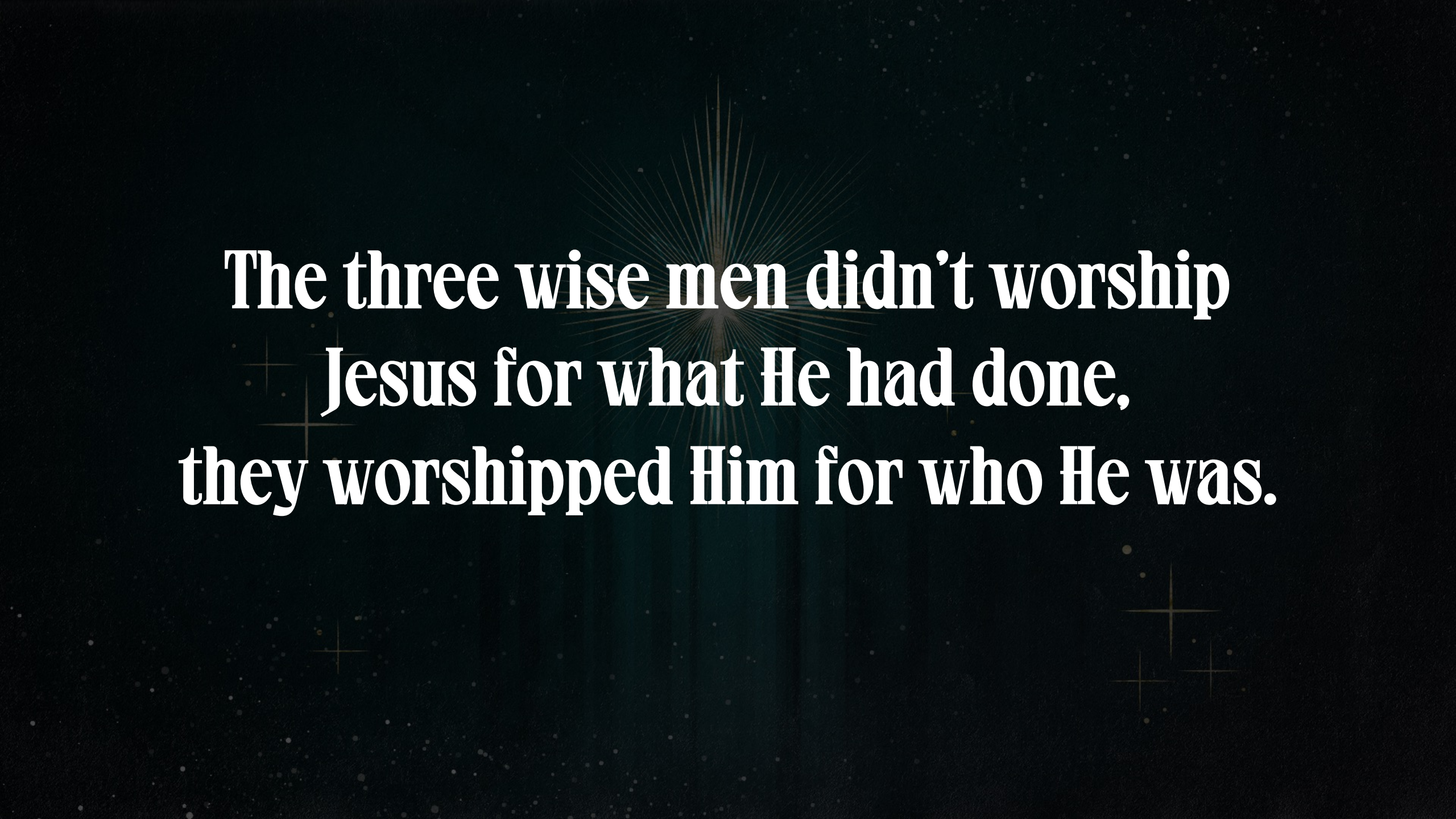
Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” ³ When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matthew 2:5-8^(NKJV)

So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah: For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ” ⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

Matthew 2:9-12^(NKJV)

When they heard the king, they departed: and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.



**The three wise men didn't worship
Jesus for what He had done,
they worshipped Him for who He was.**

3 Gifts

Frankincense

Gold

Myrrh

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Symbolizes

Worship

Royalty

Humanity of Christ

Gold:

1. ...is Scarce



Psalm 113:2-5^(NKJV)

Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore! ³ From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD's name *is* to be praised. ⁴ The LORD *is* high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. ⁵ Who *is* like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high,

Gold:

1. ...is Scarce
2. ...is Valuable



1 Corinthians 6:20^(NKJV)

**For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body
and in your spirit, which are God's.**

Gold:

1. ...is Scarce
2. ...is Valuable
3. ...is Beautiful



Psalm 27:4^(NKJV)

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

Gold:

1. ...is Scarce
2. ...is Valuable
3. ...is Beautiful
4. ...is Durable



Hebrews 7:26-27^(NKJV)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

Gold:

1. ...is Scarce
2. ...is Valuable
3. ...is Beautiful
4. ...is Durable
5. ...survives Fire



Frankincense:

1. ..Costly



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2. ..Pointed to the wounds and pain Jesus
would endure for you and me.

Frankincense:

1. ..Costly
2. ..Pointed to the wounds and pain Jesus would endure for you and me.
3. Valuable

John 3:16^(NKJV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Frankincense:

1. ..Costly
2. ..Pointed to the wounds and pain Jesus would endure for you and me.
3. ..Valuable
4. ..represents Worship

Romans 8:38–39_(NKJV)

**For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Myrrh:

1. ...Sweet-smelling resin

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2. ...Represents Blood of Jesus

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2. ...Represents Blood of Jesus
3. ...More Costly than Gold

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True Worship expects nothing in return.



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