

"Searching for the King"

Matthew 2:1-12



A recent poll by the Barna Research Group in America found:

- **Only 37% of adults thought the birth of Jesus is the most important aspect of Christmas.**
- **44% of the respondents said family time is the most important part of the Christmas celebration.**
- **3% said presents/parties were the most important part of Christmas. Same % said best thing about Christmas—getting a paid holiday.**



3 Scenes that illustrate what it means to search and find Jesus

- 1. The Wise Men: Seeking to worship the King of the Jews.**
- 2. Herod: The wicked man who tried to kill Christ.**
- 3. Finding the King: Worshipping the King in humility with royal gifts.**

3 Gifts brought to Jesus:

- **Gold**—a gift for a King
- **Frankincense**—a gift for a Priest
- **Myrrh**—a gift for burial





“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.” Hebrews 13:15

**“Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name;
Bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!” 1 Chronicles 16:29**

**“All nations whom You have made
Shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.
For You *are* great, and do wondrous things;
You alone *are* God.” Psalm 86:9-10**