

WHAT WILL I BRING IN HONOR TO THE KING?

From Genesis to Revelation, God has been doing things that cannot be explained by human reasoning...miracle after miracle. Just when everyone thought that He was finished, He did something that surprised everyone by showing up in a manger. This Christmas, God desires to surprise us again with one more miracle. But the question that we must answer is, "WHAT WILL I BRING IN HONOR TO THE KING?"

THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

- 1. THE WORD OF GOD BECAME FLESH SO WE COULD SEE HIM FACE TO FACE.
- 2. GOD BECAME ONE OF US SO WE COULD BECOME ONE WITH HIM.
- 3. HE CAME SO WE COULD HAVE THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE.

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• If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness (PSALM 50:12, NKJV).

- What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? ¹³ I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His People (<u>PSALM 116:12-14</u>, <u>NKJV</u>).
- May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to Him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present Him gifts. ¹¹ May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve Him (PSALM 72:10-11, NIV).

THE TEXT

 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, ² saying, "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" (MATTHEW 2:1-2, NKJV)



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. ⁵ 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'" (MATTHEW 2:3-6, NKJV)



⁷Then 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." ⁹ 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 (MATTHEW 2:7-12, NKJV).



¹¹ And when they had come into the <u>house</u>, 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 (<u>MATTHEW 2:11-12</u>, NKJV).



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1. GOLD: I SURRENDER ALL THE KINGDOMS OF MY HEART TO HIS DIVINE AUTHORITY



So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself'"(LUKE 10:27, NKJV).

2. FRANKINCENSE: I WILL COMMIT MYSELF TO A LIFESTYLE OF WORSHIP



 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him (ROMANS 12:1, NLT).

3. MYRRH: IN HONOR OF HIS DEATH, I DIE TO MY OLD LIFE.



• I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (GALATIANS 2:20, NKJV).