

# ***My Gift of Worship***

*Sunday December 24, 2023  
Series: Gifts for Christ-mas*

*“And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.”  
Matthew 22:37–38 ESV*

**Christmas is My \_\_\_\_\_ to Worship Jesus!**

**Christmas in My \_\_\_\_\_ to Worship Jesus**

**- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Magi**

*“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,”  
Matthew 2:1 ESV*

**-Three Indicators on Their Arrival**

1. After Jesus Birth (Matthew 2:1)
2. The Family was in a House (Matthew 2:11)
3. Herod’s Killing of the Children (Matthew 2:16)

**-Who Were the Magi**

1. They were Gentiles, probably Persian
2. We do not know their names or how many.
3. Descendants of the Priestly Class of Media (Persia)
4. Highly Educated and served both Civil, Political and Religious functions
5. Possibly Entrusted with a Messianic Prophecy from Daniel

*“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day  
pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.”  
Psalm 19:1–3 ESV*

**Three \_\_\_\_\_ to Worshipping Jesus**

**1. Holding onto My \_\_\_\_\_ (Kingdom)**

*“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;” Matthew 2:3 ESV*

**Herod was troubled because his \_\_\_\_\_ was threatened!**

(Also: John 18:36)

**2. Holding onto My \_\_\_\_\_ (Kingdom)**

*“and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.”* *Matthew 2:4 ESV*

*“They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ””*

*Matthew 2:5–6 ESV*

(Also: Luke 19:47)

**3. Holding onto My \_\_\_\_\_ (Kingdom)**

*“Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.”* *Matthew 2:7 ESV*

*“And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.””* *Matthew 2: 8 ESV*

**Embrace My \_\_\_\_\_ to Worship Jesus**

**- \_\_\_\_\_ Still Seek Him**

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”* *Matthew 6:33 ESV*

*“After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.”* *Matthew 2:9 ESV*

*“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”* *Matthew 2:10 ESV*

**- They \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”* *Matthew 2:11 ESV*

*“And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.”* *Matthew 2:12 ESV*

**Christmas is My Opportunity to Worship Jesus!**

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