

WE THREE KINGS

Matthew 2:1-12

The Carols of Christmas Week 5

*We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar;
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and 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.”³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When 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.””⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He 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.”⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” – Matthew 2:1-12

*“Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”
– Isaiah 60:3*

“In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” – John 1:4-5

“...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” – John 8:12

THE MEANING OF THE GIFTS GIVEN BY THE MAGI:

1. They have GOLD to HONOR Him as KING.

"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 2:2

"On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords." – Revelation 19:16

"They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers." – Revelation 17:14

2. The wise men gave FRANKINCENSE to HONOR Jesus as GOD.

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." – Matthew 2:11

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9:6

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." – Isaiah 7:14

3. They gave MYRRH to HONOR Jesus as SAVIOR.

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." – Matthew 1:21

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." – Luke 2:11

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst." – 1 Timothy 1:15

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“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Romans 6:23

“how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?” – Hebrews 2:3