

The Greatest Gift #1 - GOLD

PRINCIPLE: <u>GOLD</u> is the metal of the kings & Jesus is the <u>KING</u> of kings.

Matthew 2:1-12; Matthew 2:1-2; Numbers 24:17; Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 2:3-4; Matthew 2:10; Matthew 2:11

Principle: Before they gave their gifts, they gave their <u>HEARTS</u>.

Matthew 2:11

What Happens When Jesus is Truly The King of Your Life?

1. We recognize the <u>CALL</u> of the KING.

Matthew 2:2b

2. We respond to the KING'S PLAN.

Matthew 2:2b

3. We are willing to RISK everything for the KING.

Matthew 2:2; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Matthew 16:24-25

4. We WORSHIP the KING when no one else will.

Matthew 2:11; Matthew 7:13-14

5. We GIVE the KING Our Best.

Matthew 2:11b

6. We Walk Away from <u>MEETING</u> the King Different than How we Met Him.

Matthew 2:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Matthew 2:1-12

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

Numbers 24:17

A star will come from Jacob and a Ruler from Israel.

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; and those who dwell in the shadow of death, on them a great light has shined.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 16:24-25 24

"...Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it. but whoever loses their life for me will find it."

Matthew 7:13-14

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!